

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Forward in '43

All over the nation, chapters of Alpha Phi Omega are launching a big "spring offensive." Everywhere there is determination to carry on despite uncertainties, to render increasing service, to pledge more men, to put extra force into our wartime program. On this and following pages are reports of timely action. Alpha Phi Omega marches on!

FORWARD AT TEXAS!

"Alpha Rho is still going strong. The gang is 'taking stock' and will follow thru with a good program for the duration."

—Dean Arno Nowotny, Natl. Ex. Board.

FORWARD AT WASHINGTON U!

"Alpha Phi Chapter doesn't expect any serious blow from the war situation. We have recently initiated 18 new men and we have a full staff of operating committees in action. We anticipate that the spring term will be the best in the history of Alpha Phi Omega on our campus."

—Tom Cresswell, President.

FORWARD AT FLORIDA!

"An executive committee meeting has been held in Tau Chapter at which we discussed President Bartle's message on the present war situation. We decided to carry out the recommendations to the fullest of our ability. We plan to initiate enough members this semester and again next semester to keep up a good-size working organization. Many opportunities for service are presenting themselves in these times, and it's now a problem to decide which projects are the most worthy to perform."

—Thomas T. Sturrock, President.

FORWARD AT WISCONSIN!

"Beta Theta Chapter expects to keep on growing. Our program for the next semester will start with an open house the first week. Our projects will include civilian fingerprinting, an old clothes drive, a 'use the walks' campaign, several outings and parties and other activities. Even though our ranks will be thinned at the beginning of the semester we expect to build up again to full strength and carry on."

—Bill Boelter, Secretary.

FORWARD AT QUEENS COLLEGE!

"Gamma Omicron will carry on throughout the war. The loss of members and the change of officers may impede our operations somewhat but they will not stop us. Some of our plans for spring include building a rope swing for the college commando course, conducting student council elections, ushering at various Queens College meetings, guide service at open house, selling war stamps, and mailing the school paper to students in the service. We believe that the world following the war and especially in the reconstruction period will have urgent need for an international organization with our ideals of service, leadership, and brotherhood."

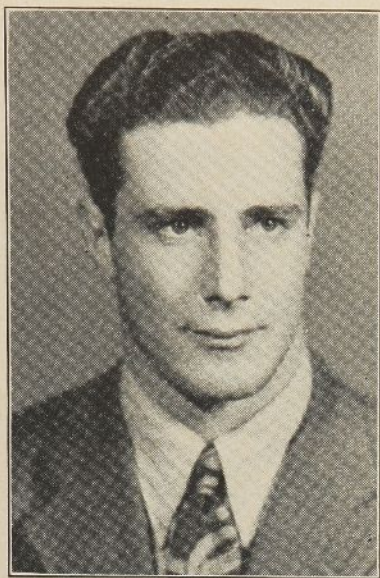
—Norman Rosenthal, Secretary.

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Harold Taxman

An old timer of Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is Harold Taxman, senior at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb, Illinois. Harold has been a member of the chapter since he was a freshman and last year was elected president. To top this the fraternity again displayed its trust and confidence in his leadership by electing Harold to his second term as president. He has also been chairman of the community projects committee for two years, during which time the committee was an important part of the group.

In Scouting Brother Taxman rose through the ranks to Eagle. He has been in charge of two camporees sponsored by Eta Chapter for the Chief Shabbona Council. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

In extra-curricular activities on the Northern campus, Harold has shown his leadership qualities and friendliness by being an active member of various organizations. His likes are varied, including sports, music, journalism and industrial arts.

Following his musical tastes, Harold is a member of the Northern Illinois State Teachers College Concert Band and the Pep Band.

In his sports activities, football gave him the most enjoyment. When a freshman, Harold made his presence known on the gridiron in a manner which later earned him a berth on the varsity squad at guard position. In his senior year he was named one of the Little Nineteen guards. Not giving up sports during the winter months, Brother Taxman has also wrestled four years in the 155 pound class. For the past two years he has been captain of the squad and was student coach. His ability at wrestling is exhibited by the honor of completing last season's schedule without being beaten on the mat once. He has played tennis three years and also was the middle-weight boxing champion of the school for two years.

Along scholastic lines, Harold has successfully neared completion of a major in Industrial Arts and minor in Chemistry.

Past offices he has held include alumni

A Message to All Members From the National President

My Dear Brothers:

I know that this is really a tough time for you who are in our colleges and universities. Uncertainty takes a terrific toll of energy and will. Indecision and turmoil are day and night companions. Truly it is a period of stress and strain.

Stand fast! It is a strategic hour. America and Americans are not—thank God—used to the ways of war. Converting our manpower for the winning of the war is necessarily a gigantic task. It is necessary, it is essential. And because of this every student is called upon to have the wisdom and steadfastness of a Solomon. Yours is a tremendous responsibility.

Stand fast! This is America's war of nerves. The eyes of the universe are turned toward America's college men. All the world wants to know if the youth of a democracy can stand the test, can think for his nation, can truly devote himself to her best good no matter what the chaos about him. Can our college men keep their eyes on the goal ahead and turn aside only when necessary? Can they carry on intelligently without a dictator's commanding voice? Can they justify the democratic way of life? The opponents of democracy would exult to see our campuses so demoralized by this crisis that we completely lose sight of our American goals; to see us become upset and harried and ineffective in all that we do, to see us blind ourselves to our greatest good.

Stand fast! America is doing a magnificent job in her conversion of industry, capital, and manpower to the unwelcome task at hand. The time is short, mistakes are inevitable, but contemplation of the immensity of this job will reaffirm the faith of the most doubting would-be cynic.

Stand fast! You are a part of America. Consider well all that affects you personally, then carry on with courage and strength. When America needs you in her armed forces you will be called, and until that day comes you can best serve yourself and your nation by working hard at your studies. In uniform or out, you have a job to do. Do it well. Keep your nerves steady, your courage firm. Live each day in the best way you know how, giving your utmost to your school work, your fellowmen, your God. Look about you and you will see that your universities, your leaders, your government are co-operating with you in the best possible fashion under the existing crisis. Again and again your government leaders ask that, whatever its recruiting program, you remain in your educational institutions until called by necessity. Youth is precious, needed everywhere at once, but not to be called from its highest pursuits until the demand is acute.

Stand fast! Another hour of greatness has come to our nation. You are a part of this hour, this day, this era. The founders of our democracy were the humblest of Pilgrim folk who of themselves were lowly, yet because they were steadfast in their task they gave birth to America's first hour of nobility. Washington at Valley Forge might well have given up the struggle, for his band was frozen and bleeding, the Continental Congress had failed to come through with either money or supplies at the needed time, and the opposing forces were strong and mighty; yet because of Washington's courage Valley Forge lives today as one of America's hours of greatest glory.

Lincoln, criticized and harried, yet had the vision and steadfastness to carry forward unflinching; his words of that hour speak wisely now as then: "All the world is watching America. We may meanly lose or nobly save this last best hope of the earth." These are the Americans who have given us our heritage—these and countless thousands of others who have carried on unwaveringly. This is our hour of greatness, and it is ours to likewise carry on. I pray that each of us will indeed stand fast—in the spirit of youth, in the spirit of our fraternity, and in the spirit of our America. May God be with you everywhere.

Fraternally your brother,

National President.

secretary and treasurer of the Varsity Club, athletic organization; secretary and treasurer of Epsilon Pi Tau, national honorary industrial arts fraternity; secretary of the Industrial Arts Club; president and vice-president of the Archery Club; member of the Nu Iota Pi, honorary journalistic fraternity and has been a member of the staff of the weekly school publication "The Northern Illinois" all four years.

With his college life nearly finished, Brother Taxman is ready to enter the service of the armed forces, being a member of the Navy V-7 plan.

Congratulations, Brother Harold, on your outstanding service to your campus and to Alpha Phi Omega.

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GOING TO NEED YOU
SOONER THAN EXPECTED.



SHORTER PLEDGE PERIOD
'FOR THE DURATION'

FORWARD AT CINCINNATI!

"Delta Alpha Chapter already has plans laid for an initiation in February. These will be almost entirely freshmen who can carry on where upperclassmen involuntarily leave off. Projects in operation now will fit neatly into the one-month pledgship suggestion.

We readily agree with President Bartle that incoming freshmen, though limited, are and will be more representative of the Scout Movement than ever before and of calibre inherent in APO men.

We have no reason to believe that the activities of Alpha Phi Omega will falter for its aims and services guide and aid when many organizations disband. This is the type of fraternal group which forges to the fore in exigencies such as exist now."

—John R. Moegling, Secretary.

CROWNING VICTORY QUEEN AT SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA



National Secretary Sid North crowns Miss Audrey Begue as Victory Queen III at the third Victory Ball sponsored by Beta Phi Chapter. Young Miss Jacqueline Brewer, crownbearer, looks on. Proceeds from this ball on December 4 boosted the SLI war veterans scholarship fund to more than \$800.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA ON THE AIR



Shown here are four of the five members of Alpha Alpha Chapter's radio committee who write and produce a 15-minute program on alternate Sunday afternoons over station WDWS at Champaign, Illinois. The broadcasts are specifically in the interest of the Arrowhead Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and each program includes news bulletins from the council office as well as other entertaining features. Left to right in the picture are Brothers Bob Hughes, Louis McCreight, Jack Graham, and Ken Gerler (announcer and chairman). Brother Willis Snow who is also a member of the radio committee is not shown in the picture.

Forward!

FORWARD AT TEXAS!

"I have good news to report on all fronts. C. A., our new president, wasn't fooling in his remarks which were quoted by Brother Roe Bartle in his very stimulating letter. Tonight we had an excellent executive council meeting at which Brother Schutze took over as president. We've already done the following things with reference to Roe Bartle's recommendations:

1. We have as you know pledged and initiated 36 new men.
2. We have had each man give his draft or service status in order to ascertain our available manpower.
3. We have had new and old men give their committee preference and experience.
4. We have launched a drive already to pick out men and new sources for membership.
5. This day, January 14, we launched a bond drive netting \$2,004 selling bonds and stamps. Tomorrow this drive will be completed. Our goal was \$2000.
6. An action has been started and already approved by the executive council for Alpha Rho to sponsor a Scout leadership training class which will give academic credit. This is one of the major parts of a drive for stimulation of Latin-American Scouting.

So you see, everything looks good. We have all our committee chairmen positions filled with experienced and capable men. With such good fortune we're doing our best to reach that ultimate victory."

—George Keith, Secretary.

FORWARD AT KANSAS U!

"A full slate of committees has been appointed for next semester and we plan to particularly emphasize membership expansion to increase our activities."

—Don Pomeroy, President.

FORWARD AT TULANE!

"We at Gamma Upsilon were very glad to receive the letter of National President H. Roe Bartle. We are instituting a new pledging program and already we have some very fine prospects. We are giving our fullest cooperation to the Tulane Victory Council because we realize that there is a war to win and everyone must do his part.

Our victory dance is shaping up very well and we plan to give it after mid-term examinations. The net proceeds of this dance we are donating to the Army-Navy Relief Society."

—Ralph F. Shirer, Jr., Secretary.

FORWARD AT SAN JOSE!

"Gamma Beta is moving along at a good clip here at San Jose State. Last week we had a blood bank sign-up booth in the quadrangle. We were well pleased with the results as nearly 100 students signed to give a pint of blood when the Red Cross travelling blood bank comes on January 25.

I am representing the fraternity at a Red Cross luncheon next Monday at which time we will offer our services for any help that they need.

We have a new pledge class of 12 men to be initiated some time in February."

—Tom Hosley, Secretary.

FORWARD AT N. Y. U.!

"As a chapter, we have contributed to the war effort by collecting scrap metal, selling bonds and stamps, assisting in fingerprinting the student body, and aiding the Red Cross.

Thus far, the chapter has given about sixteen men to the armed services, with several more soon to go. However, we are determined to carry on through the emergency."

—Chet Kaminester, Corres. Sec.

PAYING HOMAGE TO LINCOLN



Brother Wesley Maurer of Upsilon Chapter is shown placing a wreath at the foot of Lincoln's statue in Milwaukee as part of the birthday ceremony last February. The forthcoming anniversaries of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays offer opportunities for Alpha Phi Omega chapters all over the nation to pay homage to these two great Americans.

FORWARD AT CARNEGIE TECH!

"We at Carnegie Tech feel almost certain that our school will be under a military education setup before long, but we are not letting that curtail our chapter's activity any more than is absolutely necessary. We have pledged a number of freshmen this last year, and most of them are already fitted to assume responsible offices should the older members be called into some branch of the service.

Although many of us may not be in school the rest of this year, our policy is still 'business as usual'."

—Ed King, *Corres. Sec.*

FORWARD AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE!

"At the beginning of next term we shall take in as many new members as we feel live up to the high standards of Alpha Phi Omega.

Our chapter has discussed the future of Alpha Phi Omega many times and we come to the conclusion that A.P.O. must remain on the campus during this war period. No matter what number of members there may be left in our chapter within the next year or so, Gamma Iota will carry on our program of service on the Brooklyn College campus."

—Burton Schwartz, *Secretary.*

FORWARD AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI!

"Beta Psi, as are all the other chapters, is feeling the war and we realize that the new military educational program will bring about some changes, but the inclusive opinion of our chapter is to continue to serve our school and our nation.

The brothers have responded remarkably well in the face of more difficult curricula and added classes to carry on the traditions and high standards of Alpha Phi Omega. Among the newly initiated members we find a spirit and willingness to assume the duties of Army-called brothers. This aggressiveness with the knowledge that their stay on the campus is limited, reflects the desire to serve and the realization that when the men have departed to Africa, Ireland, Australia, they are still brothers of APO.

Alpha Phi Omega is one of the factors in our school that are helping to lift the veil of disgust and "time-wasting feeling" that is prevalent on so many campuses."

—Marvin Strunk, *Secretary.*

FORWARD AT SAN DIEGO!

"In regard to the future plans of Alpha Delta Chapter, one thing is certain—the service program will be carried on as before. The college will continue to operate and the opportunities for service will increase. The responsibility for taking advantage of these opportunities rests on the shoulders of each member of the fraternity. The solution to the problem of time lies in individual planning of each day's schedule so that more hours can be devoted to Alpha Phi Omega without interference with necessary college work. Every effort will be made to increase membership and those members not called to the armed forces will redouble their efforts to carry on with the service program until victory and beyond."

—Keith Dixon, *Secretary.*

FORWARD AT ILLINOIS!

"Even though the immediate future is uncertain, Alpha Alpha Chapter is going ahead with its plans for the coming semester. We already have a growing list of prospective pledges. Open meetings and recruiting will begin simultaneously with registration.

Our radio program, student-faculty skate, and guide service shall continue as regular weekly projects. In the hands of committees are such service projects as fingerprinting and distribution of ration books to students. The regular services rendered to the University shall continue as scheduled.

The local Scout Council has backed us one-hundred per cent for which we are both grateful and fortunate. Several members are working on service projects for the council. Scout swims will soon be conducted by one of our members.

If the next semester is as full and progressive as the past one, we shall indeed have had a very successful year."

—Kenneth E. Gerler, *Secretary.*

FORWARD AT IOWA STATE!

"We have ten new men ready to initiate on January 20 and are planning a rushing program the latter part of February to prepare new men for initiation in the spring term."

—Louis Plotkin, *Secretary.*

Forward!

FORWARD AT C. C. N. Y.!

"Despite an impending drop of membership in Gamma Delta chapter we are determined to pledge more men and carry on in '43 with a full membership quota and a full service program.

Our executive committee has determined that our newest members shall bear a major part of Gamma Delta's responsibilities. We have already placed them on our most important committees, and are confident of their abilities.

Pledges are the life blood of the fraternity, and Gamma Delta is fully cognizant of this fact. Our pledging program for the spring term is based on three points:

1. Instead of the past procedure of holding a pledge smoker two or three weeks after the beginning of the term, our membership committee will obtain the names of Scout-trained men before the term's inception, and notices will be sent to prospective members in the first week of school.

2. Two four-week pledge periods will be substituted for our former single period of six weeks. The plan is in line of speed-up, as reflected in the accelerated curriculum in City College.

3. Our membership committee will emphasize the permanency of membership in Alpha Phi Omega. We intend to have a special issue of the "Service Gazette," a bulletin which we print, for the pledge smoker. We shall explain to these men how ties of friendship are not severed by graduation or entrance into the armed forces, but, on the contrary, are welded more tightly. Gamma Delta Chapter pledges itself to more and greater service in '43."

—Norman Oshin, *Secretary.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOUTING



On the occasion of Scouting's 33rd anniversary, Alpha Phi Omega salutes the Boy Scouts of America on the outstanding service rendered to our nation. We are glad to have the opportunity of putting into effect the ideals of Scouting on our college and university campuses in the form of service projects, and we roll up our sleeves along with our younger brothers to "toughen up, buckle down, and carry on to victory."

GAMMA MU CHAPTER CLEANS UP OLD CEMETERY



These pictures show men of Gamma Mu Chapter at Evansville College working on an unusual service project. At the suggestion of the Evansville Museum of Fine Arts and History Board, the chapter undertook the clearing of an old cemetery located on the property of the Indiana State Insane Asylum. Much history is connected with this land, and the local historians felt that the cemetery, which was impassable because of years of vine growth, could receive state recognition. Two Sundays and a Saturday were spent on the project with about 25 members participating. Picnic lunches were provided by the social committee and the work concluded with an intra-fraternity football tussle. It was plenty of fun and an important project well done. The work consisted of completely cutting out the underbrush, clearing out dead trees and stumps, burning off the ground layer of growth, and repairing fences. The cemetery is now listed as a state shrine.

Forward!

FORWARD AT HOWARD COLLEGE!

"At present Gamma Chi chapter is at its usual strength and we recently initiated 8 new members and have 5 more men still serving pledgeship. We are continuing our pledging program stressing particularly the selection of men in the lower age bracket."

—Doc S. Wesson, Treasurer.

FORWARD AT MISSOURI MINES!

"We are planning to go forward with our program in full force for the second semester. Our activities during the fall term have been the strongest in the history of our chapter, and we now have several projects which are traditional Alpha Phi Omega activities on this campus. We feel as the national president has expressed that our pledge program should be streamlined, therefore our most recent group of pledges will be initiated within a few weeks. Plans are now being started for a new pledge class to follow close on the heels of this initiation. We plan to locate prospective members by the use of the service questionnaire cards at second semester registration.

"We believe we can choose our new pledges well as will be necessary in these times to guarantee the continued progress of our chapter. Enrollment will probably be decreased to some extent next term, but we anticipate that many of the best men will remain to continue their preparation for the engineering profession which is so vital to the war effort. We believe as President Bartle has said that the army program soon to be put into effect will still leave things open for real service by Alpha Phi Omega and will offer an opportunity for our fraternity to secure the finest men possible since only the best men will be selected by the government for college training. Therefore we believe that our organization will continue its progress onward and upward."

—Bill Goodwin, Secretary.

FORWARD AT ALABAMA TECH!

"Keep the old ship of APO headed straight into the wind and we will come through successfully."

—Prof. A. L. Thomas, Natl. Exec. Board.

FORWARD AT LEHIGH!

"The first thing we plan to do is to pledge as large a group as circumstances permit. We are also working on a plan for selling war stamps weekly.

We have been asked by the local council to work up some system whereby various members will teach groups of Senior Scouts, who in turn, will go back to their troops and instruct them in these various phases of Scouting. This will probably be one of our major projects for the coming semester."

—Keith W. Amish, Secretary.

FORWARD AT MILWAUKEE!

"Within the past few weeks the faculty and students here at Milwaukee Teachers have established a war council. The express purpose of the council is to expedite concerted student activities to aid the war effort. We take pride in the fact that our Brother Del Kinney has been named chief of the council and that Brother Howard Conant is in charge of publicity. I have the responsibility for the sale of war bonds and stamps.

In the event that the E.R.C. is called up we will be able to make rapid changes to allow for any shortage in manpower. But at the present we have nothing to fear, and we look forward to the next semester as one in which our membership will be greatly increased together with the scope and extent of our activities. Our projects for the immediate future include donating blood to the Red Cross, cooperation in all the work of the war council, aiding in registration for the coming semester, and marking examinations."

—Bob Ulrich, Secretary.

RED CROSS REQUESTS FOUR MILLION PINTS OF BLOOD FROM VOLUNTEERS IN 1943

Hon. Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, announced recently that the army and navy have need to procure four million pints of blood during 1943. This is three times the amount obtained from volunteer donors last year.

This request offers a challenge to Alpha Phi Omega to secure as many blood donors as possible among college and university students all over the nation. Has your chapter conducted a campaign for blood donors? The need is urgent. This project deserves your immediate action.

DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER INSTALLED AT OHIO UNIVERSITY

The ninety-ninth active chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Gamma at Ohio University, was installed on January 17. Brothers H. Roe Bartle, national president, and Dr. M. C. Hayes, national second vice-president, officiated at the ceremony. The full story of this installation will appear in the March issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL.

NEW PREPARATORY GROUP ORGANIZES AT UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA

On December 1, thirteen men of the University of Chattanooga organized themselves into a local service fraternity to prepare for establishing a new chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. This organization was instigated by Brother John Mack of Alpha Eta Chapter while working in Chattanooga last summer.



We Point With Pride



ROBERT B. SLESMAN

... He serves as Cadet Colonel of the Carnegie Tech R.O.T.C., president of Scabard and Blade, member of Pi Kappa Alpha, and is active in Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. He is soon to graduate in management engineering and will enter active service in the army air corps.



DEL KINNEY

... He has recently been elected head of the War Council at Milwaukee State Teachers College, and has just completed active term as vice-president of Upsilon Chapter. He has generously contributed timely cartoons for the TORCH AND TREFOIL for the past two years. Great work Brother Del!

ALPHA PHI OMEGA IN "WHO'S WHO"

*Alpha Omicron Chapter at SMU
Tops in Campus Leadership*

Many men of Alpha Phi Omega prominent in campus affairs have been selected for the current edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities."

The top record is in Alpha Omicron Chapter. Of the 18 students selected at SMU for Who's Who ten were men and eight of those men are brothers of Alpha Phi Omega. They are Brothers **Jack Harkey, Bob Watkin, Charles Dailey, Bill Crook, Trevor Rees-Jones, Jimmy O. Smith, Jim Willson, and Bob Claxton**. The chapter proudly points out that all of these men were pledged as freshmen and have become campus leaders while working in the service program of Alpha Phi Omega.

Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas contributes five brothers to Who's Who, **Walter Manly, Ralph Frede, Bill Barton, Ed Holcomb, and Dolph Briscoe**.

Additional Brothers in Who's Who include Brother **Thomas Beno** of

Alpha Nu, St. Norbert College; Brothers **George Betterley** and **Jack Bryant** of Alpha Chapter, Lafayette College; Brother **LeRoy Bradbury** of Alpha Xi Chapter, Washington State; Brother **James Hurley** of Alpha Delta Chapter, San Diego State; Brothers **Harold Blumberg** and **Danny Blechman** of Gamma Iota Chapter, Brooklyn College; Brother **Charles Suppiger** of Beta Xi Chapter, Westminster College; Brothers **Robert Goodwin** and **Robert Knowles** of Alpha Tau Chapter, Butler; Brother **Alfred Jackson** of Alpha Gamma Chapter, Purdue; Brother **Vernon Brockman** of Epsilon Chapter, Northeast Missouri Teachers; Brothers **Armand Spizzirri, Russell Newport, and Robert Farrar** of Alpha Mu Chapter, William Jewell College; Brothers **James Walker** and **James Files** of Gamma Tau, Louisiana Tech; Brothers **Ardley Hebert** and **Bob Graves** and Pledge **Billy McDonald** of Beta Phi Chapter, SLI.

Forward!

FORWARD AT PURDUE!

"Our new officers have already shown much initiative in going ahead with plans for the spring term. A meeting for every week has been planned starting with January 12, the first two meetings will have Judge Parkinson and Professor Phillips, respectively, as speakers. These meetings are designed to attract the interest of prospective members. Then the meetings immediately following will be devoted to business and pledging. Our committees are at present working on a big scrap drive plan, a Scout merit badge contest, a "Monte Carlo" dance for our members and guests and an Alpha Phi Omega hat to be worn by the members on the campus. Our traditional activities will be carried right along, too. We are hoping to obtain a room on the campus for permanent chapter use and we believe this can be secured soon."

—Burton M. Kuck, President

FORWARD AT M. I. T.!

"Ten men were initiated on the national birthday, December 16, and we plan to conduct another pledge drive early next term to increase our membership so that the army and navy educational plan will not disrupt our activities to any great extent. We are proud of the results obtained in our fall projects and we feel that a very successful future is in store."

—Morris H. Rosenthal, Secretary.

FORWARD AT GEORGIA TECH!

"Gamma Zeta Chapter is working and planning to continue its activities under the new military education setup. Our arrangements for the future leave no room for slackers or backsliders. We will go 'Forward in '43.'"

—Mac Moore, President.

FORWARD AT WASHINGTON STATE!

"An executive council meeting of Alpha Xi Chapter was held on January 18 to outline a stable yet flexible program for the remainder of this school year. Our program deals much with getting new men for the organization. We have had put on one of the college's enrollment cards questions asking men students to indicate previous Scouting affiliation. This survey will open the way for a strong rushing program. We have also outlined a number of projects which we hope to carry out during the coming semester with a full program. We look forward to much activity this coming semester."

—Steve Buckingham, Secretary.

FORWARD AT KIRKSVILLE!

"Alpha Omega Chapter is progressing in fine style and we are looking forward to a very successful new semester with plenty of new members and many projects."

—R. K. Widney, Secretary.

WRITE A LETTER TO A BROTHER IN THE SERVICE



MAKE SURE HE'LL BE
ABLE TO READ IT TOO!



CLEANING

FROM CHAPTER

CORRESPONDENCE



CORNELL UNIVERSITY

"Gamma Chapter is going to town this year. We sponsored a 'Stamp Stomp' on November 7 in connection with the university bond and stamp committee of which our chapter president, Brother Ed Mabbs, is chairman. The profits from the dance were invested in war bonds in the name of the student council. This year as always our chapter conducted the freshmen elections including everything from the nominations to the counting of the ballots and we had a record vote. Fourteen new men were recently elected to membership. You can count on our chapter to continue to serve here at Cornell. There is plenty to be done!"

—Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"Gamma Zeta's third annual 'Ugly Man' contest exceeded our wildest hopes in the number of votes cast. A total of twenty-four thousand and four votes were cast in this year's contest bringing in \$240.04 for use in welfare work, mainly for the purchase of Christmas baskets for needy families."

—Robert Edelblut, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

"A recent pledge duty was the polishing of all university trophies. Defense stamp corsages were sold with big success at the university's New Year's eve party and a raffle was held for a war bond."

—Bill Jensen, Secretary.

ROCKHURST COLLEGE

"Gamma Xi Chapter raised a fund of \$45 to assist a needy family at Christmas time and we are conducting the sale of war bonds and stamps on the campus."

—Don Wiswell, Secretary.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

"Preparing Christmas baskets for poor children was included in the December activities of Beta Xi Chapter."

—George DuToit, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"Thirty-six new members were initiated into Alpha Rho Chapter on December 16, the seventeenth birthday of our national brotherhood. Though this was the largest class in the history of our fraternity, it did not lack quality. In action everyone of the pledges proved his worth. Harold Ray, the outstanding pledge, served more than sixty hours on our various chapter projects and many of the others were not far behind."

Perhaps other chapters would be interested in following the success of a newly established office in Alpha Rho—that is Equipment Manager. This will centralize all calls for equipment for various projects, make it necessary for the University comptroller's office to deal with only one or two men, and place responsibility for the care of all chapter equipment."

—C. A. Schutze, Jr., President.

M. I. T.

"I had a most interesting experience with Alpha Chi Chapter, December 17, at its anniversary banquet and initiation ceremony which was held in the college president's special dining room in Walker Memorial Hall. Twelve different states were represented among the men present. The major service project in which the chapter is now engaged is the securing of blood donations from students for the Red Cross. They have built a big mechanical heart and thermometer which is on display in the college auditorium and registers the amount of blood given by students."

—Don W. Moyer, Regional Scout Executive.

IOWA STATE

"Xi Chapter has recently turned over to the student war council \$37.50 for the purchase of a war bond, this money being proceeds from our scrap metal campaign. All net receipts from future campaigns will be used to buy war bonds."

—Louis E. Plotkin, Secretary.

U. C. L. A.

"Alpha Phi Omega has the chance to come into its own. Work, hard work will help. But it must be work that is of help to national defense. Chi Chapter is doing its part, let's all do it!"

—Paul Lawrence, President.

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

"We are assisting the O.C.D. in securing consumer conservation pledges."

—Howard Friedmann, Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"The new initiation ceremony was conducted in a very formal and impressive manner by Gamma Rho Chapter on December 6 to induct 15 new members into our organization. Following the installation we had a barbecue picnic for the members and their dates. The chapter has a good outline of worthwhile projects for the immediate future and are really going places on the NTSTC campus."

—Lyndon Grant, Scouting Advisor.

LOUISIANA TECH

"One of the responsibilities of our pledge group is to handle the raising and lowering of the flag of the United States each day on our campus."

—John Ford, President.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

"Our formal initiation ceremony for fall pledges is set for January 18. The pledges are now working on a K.K.K. program (Keep Kampus Kleen). Dean Beaty, dean of students, has commended this project as one of the worthwhile programs instigated on our campus."

—Tom Sturrock, President.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"Brother Walter W. Head, national president of Boy Scouts of America and honorary national president of Alpha Phi Omega, addressed the anniversary banquet of Alpha Phi Chapter on December 16. A most inspirational talk was enjoyed by all the members. Eighteen new men were initiated before the banquet."

—H. W. Button, Secretary.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"In the month of January, Gamma Iota Chapter is completing many service projects including raising money for the March of Dimes, giving blood to the Red Cross, and assisting during freshmen orientation week. We will have an exhibit on display here at Brooklyn College during National Scout Week."

—Burton Schwartz, Secretary.

TEXAS TECH

"Fourteen new men were initiated into Beta Sigma Chapter in December, the finest new group ever to be inducted into our chapter. We had a perfectly swell Founder's Day banquet with an excellent address by Chaplain McDaniel in which he paid respects to the contribution which such organizations as Alpha Phi Omega are making in training college men to do the best kind of job in the armed service."

—Dean James G. Allen,
Senior Faculty Advisor.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"A new tin can salvage drive has just been started under the leadership of Co-chairmen Warren Strickland and John Hanessian. The committee devotes an afternoon a week at two of the girls' dormitories to prepare the cans thrown out of the kitchens for the salvage drive."

Several of the brothers have been giving time in the name of APO for the sale of war stamps in the various booths for that purpose located on the campus."

Of course the usual Colgate Clean-up took place on the Sunday after the Colgate-Syracuse football game. The project was well attended by the pledge class. The campus was soon ready for the eyes of the church-goers."

This year, for the first time, Phi Chapter presented the campus with a Christmas tree. President Carl Gardner suggested the project, and it met immediate approval. Roland Treubig secured permission for the project and a committee went several miles into the country to cut the tree. It was placed in the center of the Oval and decorated by APO. A request was made to the living centers and fraternities and sororities for additional decorations. Many congratulatory comments were made, and the Daily Orange carried several articles concerning the tree."

—Roger L. Black, Corres. Sec.

From Brothers in the Service

*Pvt. Dale Hewgley (Alpha Rho)
Camp Adair, Oregon
Writes:*

"APO will be with me always and I shall not be without it in its ideals regardless where the future may take me. I'll be looking forward to the day when I return to school to complete my degree and again join the active service work of the fraternity."

*O. C. Richard C. Harris (Beta Sigma)
Miami Beach, Florida
Writes:*

"Very glad to learn that Alpha Phi Omega continues to make excellent progress. Time and service is what our country needs more than ever."

*Lt. Colonel L. H. Renfrow (Nat'l. Exec. Board)
Selective Service Headquarters
Washington, D. C.
Writes:*

"Swell going on new chapter at Ohio University."

*O. C. Gene Butler (Gamma Psi)
Fort Benning, Georgia
Writes:*

"I am glad to have the opportunity to subscribe for life membership in Alpha Phi Omega to keep me in contact with our brotherhood through the years ahead. As the course here draws near to a close, I am hoping to visit Gamma Psi Chapter."

*Lt. Robert C. Hull (Lambda)
Camp Sibert, Alabama
Writes:*

"I am sure Alpha Phi Omega will continue to thrive through the war where some of the less useful organizations will not."

*Lt. William S. Parks (Alpha Upsilon)
Fort Washington, Maryland
Writes:*

"Am now stationed at the Adjutant General School and I am teaching on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College. In an effort to aid Alpha Phi Omega, I am looking into the possibilities of establishing a new chapter here."

*O. C. Gordon Brigham (Lambda)
Camp Lee, Virginia
Writes:*

"I have been interested in the work of APO for some six years. Working with the men of Kansas was one of the greatest privileges I've ever had and I shall cherish these memories always. I am firmly convinced that our fraternity is one of the outstanding contributing factors for the molding of unselfish leadership as badly needed in this world."

*Ensign Fred Widmoyer (Beta Sigma)
Amphibious Force
Norfolk, Virginia
Writes:*

"I am now communications officer and navigator aboard one of the Amphibious ships. Enjoying it very much and think the Navy and Alpha Phi Omega go hand in hand—Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Keep Alpha Phi Omega turning out men who have leadership training for the armed forces."

PROMOTE THE SALE OF WAR BONDS AND STAMPS ON YOUR CAMPUS

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

"Eta Chapter has recently purchased three \$500 war bonds from funds in our treasury and we plan to purchase more bonds soon."

—Bob Brochocki, Secretary.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

"Seventeen new men were initiated into active membership in December, and we conducted a very successful Victory Ball and our annual Christmas tree penny pitching. Blood donations are now being arranged for the Red Cross plasma bank from our campus-wide list of donors, and we are sponsoring activities for a group of Mexican boys."

—Bob Lyons, Secretary.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Arrangements for the immediate future in Alpha Chapter include the wartime projects of blood donating and fingerprinting. Our membership is growing."

—H. Warren Ragot, Secretary.

KIRKSVILLE OSTEOPATHS

"Our recent activities have been many including the sale of Osteopathy Student Loan Fund Christmas Seals just before the recent holidays. These seals published by the American Osteopathy association are sold throughout the nation."

—R. K. Widney, Secretary.

WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

"Our chapter had charge of raising the flag at Western Michigan's football games this fall. The project was very well received by the student council."

—Stanley Derby, Past President.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Our community projects committee recently put on a stage show at which \$53.53 and some toys were taken in for needy families. This committee also assisted in the registration for the rationing of gasoline."

—James G. Bennett, Alumni Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

"President Fletcher of S. L. I. has promised to secure an extra \$500 to add to our Victory Scholarship Fund. We already have over \$800 in the fund which represents profit from the three Victory Ball programs thus far conducted. Also, one of the sororities on the campus is putting on a circus and will use the money to buy bonds and the bonds will be turned over to our Victory Fund. So you see our Scholarship Fund is building up rapidly. Our Victory Ball for the spring semester will be held on either May 7 or 8."

—Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Senior Faculty, Advisor.

QUEENS COLLEGE

"Gamma Omicron Chapter's annual anniversary banquet was a big success with an attendance of 46 persons including five invited guests, three advisors, nine pledges, and thirty-two members. Alpha Phi Omega and Scouting in Wartime was the keynote of the address by Brother Charles Heistand, one of our Scouting advisors. The history of Gamma Omicron was summarized by our president, Brother Ben Biele. Among our present chapter projects are conducting the student elections, sale of war stamps, Christmas fund drive, sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, and preparing a map showing the residences of all our members."

—Saul Harris, Historian.

CENTRAL Y COLLEGE

"Service is still the top point in the program of Beta Gamma Chapter, and fellowship is taking a bigger place than ever before."

—George Schaeffer, Senior Faculty Advisor.

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

"Alpha Nu Chapter is helping solve the congestion in student transportation."

—Don E. Beno, Secretary.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"We are selling war stamps and bonds every week with big results. We are continuing our blood donors service with occasional calls from both hospitals in our community. At present we are making plans to aid the March of Dimes campaign by putting on a drive on the campus."

—J. J. Russell, Treasurer.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"Four projects which have become traditional as APO activities on our campus are the book exchange conducted the first week of each semester, finger-printing at the beginning of each fall semester, decorating the gymnasium for Parents Day and for other major functions, displaying flags of all schools in our conference during each football game (the flags flying on poles constructed by our chapter several years ago.)"

—William J. Goodwin, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"The special edition of the *Arapout News* presented during anniversary banquet December 16 was dedicated to the brothers of Alpha Rho Chapter who are now serving in the armed forces. We included a general summary of the activities of the chapter for the past semester and interesting bits of news about the members and alumni as gathered by our alumni secretary, Brother R. C. Norris. Two hundred copies of this issue have been sent to members and alumni. Many of the alumni copies were sent to brothers in foreign service."

—O. D. Weaver, Jr., Editor.

KANSAS STATE

"At the beginning of the second semester Pi Chapter will launch a blood donors drive to secure student contributions to the Red Cross plasma bank."

—Bruce Johnson, President.