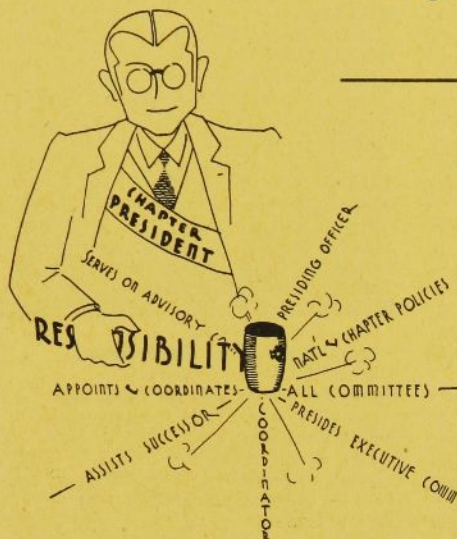


TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



The Man With The Gavel

THE MAN who wields the gavel in your chapter is a vital personality. On his shoulders rests a great responsibility, and upon his leadership largely depends the progress of the chapter. By necessity, the Chapter President must be a "human engineer;" he must have the ability to successfully delegate responsibility, he must be able to produce by leading, and he must have a sincere devotion to the fraternity. He must enthusiastically guide the onward march of Alpha Phi Omega on his campus and must often make personal sacrifices of time and effort to give adequate leadership to a service program which he knows is beneficial to his campus and community.

The Chapter President serves as presiding officer at all regular and special chapter meetings and at meetings of the executive committee; he coordinates the functions of all chapter officers and committees; he appoints the committees necessary for expediency in carrying out the program of the chapter; he sees that the chapter is operated in conformity with prescribed national and chapter policies; and at the closing of his term he assists his successor to gain a full knowledge of his position. What a responsibility!

And equally important in their particular jobs are the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Alumni Secretary, Senior Faculty Advisor, Faculty Advisors and Scouting Advisors. The Vice-President must be prepared at all times to perform all presidential functions in case of absence of the president, and he serves as pledgemaster, giving all pledges an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Alpha Phi Omega before their initiation into active membership.

The Secretary must have the ability and willingness to carry out a large portion of the details of chapter operation, keeping records and files and handling correspondence with chapter members and with the National Office. The Treasurer has the responsibility of maintaining a strict financial policy which is so important to the success of any organization.

The Alumni Secretary is assigned the responsibility of keeping in contact with those members who are no longer active in the chapter, keeping an accurate record of their present addresses and occupations and providing ways in which the alumni can assist the active chapter in matters of program and membership.

The Historian is given the interesting assignment of keeping a chronicle of the happenings in the chapter during his term of office, keeping a scrapbook of pictures, newspaper clippings, printed programs, etc., which tell a graphic, permanent story of activities of the chapter.

The Senior Faculty Advisor serves as chairman of the advisory committee, attends chapter meetings regularly, assigns each other advisor to active duty on one of the chapter committees and serves as a close counselor and friend at all times to (Please turn to page 8)

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TO ETA CHAPTER FOR 1939

... This "Wallace O. Lee Trophy," symbolic of the highest achievement among the chapters of Alpha Phi Omega goes to Eta Chapter of Northern Illinois State Teachers College for the year 1939. One in every four men on the campus at DeKalb is an active worker in Alpha Phi Omega, carrying on a service program which is increasingly important to the student body, the faculty and townspeople.

\$5,000 WORTH OF BLOOD

In a front-page story, the February 17 issue of "The Semi-Weekly Campus" of Southern Methodist University relates that Alpha Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has given over \$5,000 worth of blood in its blood-transfusion project. The work has been going on some five years and 370 transfusions have been given. This represents over half a barrel or nearly 100 quarts of blood.

The project is carried on to assist needy people and to help in emergencies. Many calls for donors have come during night hours, and many lives have been saved by this service on the part of Alpha Omicron Chapter.

Five Past Presidents At Work

From Alpha Delta Chapter at San Diego State, the following quotation from a letter from a chapter officer tells of the outstanding leadership of five outstanding past presidents.

"We are proud of the men we have in our organization this year. Five of our brothers stand head and shoulders above any other five men on the campus. Just let me enumerate the responsible positions held by Brothers George Ellis, Gene McCormack, Charles Fay, Bower Forbes and Howard Cooper. George is editor of the school newspaper and Howard is editor of the year-book. Charles was chairman of Homecoming Day, student representative to the alumni association, president of Delvers, an honorary geological fraternity, president of Tau Sigma, economics fraternity, member of Toastmaster Club and Phi Lambda Xi fraternity.

Bower is treasurer of the A. M. S. and is a member of the student council, will be in charge of Dad's Day Dinner, member of the social committee, member of Delta Pi Beta. Gene is a member of the A. M. S. Board, chairman of the work extension service, member of Toastmasters, member of International Relations Club.

George is president of the Board of Publications, vice-president of Delvers, member of Tau Delta Chi. All five of us are past presidents of Alpha Phi Omega, all members of Blue Key, one being president, one secretary and one treasurer at the present time.

Bower and Howard are on the student council of twelve. George and Howard are in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and are on the senior cabinet. Howard is president of the International Relations Club, president of Delta Pi Beta Fraternity and campus election commissioner.

"If you should ask the Dean of Men or any other college authority at San Diego State for a responsible man on the campus, 100 to 1 he would call on one of these five Alpha Phi Omega men."

Leadership By Eta's Members

From Eta Chapter has come a report of members' leadership in other organizations which gives evidence of how Alpha Phi Omega "covers the campus" at DeKalb. We congratulate the members of the chapter upon the following offices of responsibility:

Philosophy Club:

Harold Telman, President.

Cavaliers: (Honorary Men's Organization)

David Redmond, President.

Don C. Warner, Vice-President.

Walt Lorimer, Historian.

Alpha Psi Omega: (Dramatics)

Don C. Warner, Vice-President.

Gordon Leland, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Camera Club:

Earl Nevins, Vice-President.

We Point With Pride

Epsilon Pi Tau: (Industrial Arts Honorary)
Malcolm McIntyre, President.

Fine Arts Club:

Delbert Eshelman, Secretary.

Industrial Arts Club:

Lloyd DeVereaux, Vice-President.

Junior Class:

Lowell Walkup, President.

Herbert Jenks, Vice-President.

Jack Panowski, Treasurer.

Kappa Delta Pi:

(Honorary Education Fraternity)

Don C. Warner, Secretary.

Later Elementary Forum:

Arthur Coss, Vice-President.

Math Club:

Melvin Heiler, President.

Melodie Klub:

David Redmond, President.

Ledford Bischof, Vice-President.

John Hopkins, Secretary-Treasurer.

Norther: (Year Book)

Paul Henne, Editor.

Thomas Wise, Business Manager.

Northern Illinois: (Newspaper)

Don C. Warner, Editor.

Gordon Leland, Business Manager.

Nu Iota Pi: (Journalism Fraternity)

Walter Lorimer, President.

Senior Class:

Wm. Vogel, President.

Malcolm McIntyre, Vice-President.

Robert Chelseth, Treasurer.

Sigma Tau Delta: (English Fraternity)

Don C. Warner, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Sophomore Class:

Wm. Diven, President.

Lawrence Greenacre, Vice-President.

Harold Taxman, Treasurer.

Varsity Club:

Robert Price, Secretary.

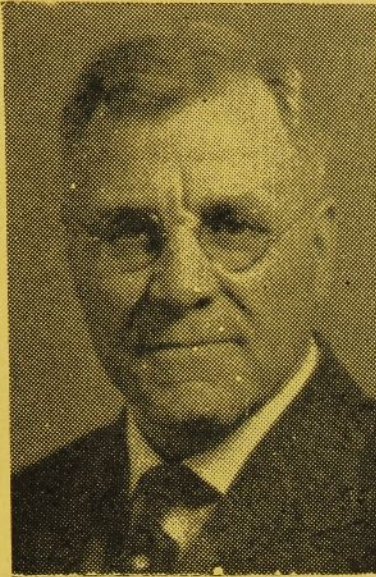


William A. (Lex) Templin

... Alpha Xi Chapter at Washington State College met in special session, January 21, to present the ten-year veteran badge of the Boy Scouts of America to this devoted brother of Alpha Phi Omega. The badge was presented by District Commissioner J. S. Coie, who himself holds the Silver Beaver and is a member of the National Executive Board of the fraternity.

The occasion served as a farewell meeting for Lex who was graduated at the end of the fall semester and became Field Scout Executive at Portland, Oregon. While at Washington State he was an active leader in the student body and especially in Alpha Phi Omega. He was chapter president in 1937-38, represented his chapter at the National Convention in 1938 and served on numerous committees. He was president of his senior class, president of the sociology club and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT ASSIGNS PROJECTS TO ALPHA MU'S PLEDGES



Dr. John F. Herget

President of William Jewell College

... In a recent student assembly at William Jewell, this chief administrator of the college, in concluding an informal talk, announced the names of seventeen men students whom he requested to see him in his office at an appointed hour that afternoon. Some of the men became anxious about the consequences of being "called on the carpet" and there was considerable speculation around the campus as to the reason for this unexpected order.

When the hour arrived, all seventeen of the men were present with mixed emotions, and none had yet recognized that this was the newest class of pledges in Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. The men had been pledged individually by personal contact and each was not aware of the others' association with the fraternity. And so, in the final few minutes before Dr. Herget entered, the speculation as to the reason for the meeting was at its highest. Not until their college president opened his remarks did this group realize that they constituted a pledge group in APO and had been called for instruction about the fraternity.

Then for a half-hour period, Dr. Herget emphasized the principles of Alpha Phi Omega which make this fraternity a valuable part of the campus life at William Jewell and he pointed out the responsibilities which these pledges must accept if they are to become active members of their chapter. Further, he told the pledges what he expected of them in the way of service to their campus and he personally assigned two projects which must be carried out by this pledge group before these men will be eligible for induction into the fraternity.

The pledges went away from that conference with a much keener appreciation of the bigness of Alpha Phi Omega than they had ever realized, and each had a personal feeling of friendship for such a kindly president who would use this National Service Frater-

nity as a major instrument of goodwill and helpfulness on the campus.

What a unique method! Yes, what an effective means of training a new pledge group! Congratulations are extended to Dr. Herget, a strong believer in Alpha Phi Omega, for this generous cooperation in Alpha Mu's program.

DIFFERENT, YET ALIKE

From two campuses vastly different in size, environment and curricula have come Senior Faculty Advisors' reports which conclusively prove that the spirit of service in Alpha Phi Omega is the same wherever it is found. What colleges could be more unlike than The City College of New York and the Northeastern Teachers College of Tahlequah, Oklahoma? And yet the reports of Professor Wilford L. Stork of Gamma Epsilon Chapter and Professor E. G. McCurtain of Beta Nu Chapter indicate that service to campus and community is similar on all campuses.

Professor Stork reports the following projects completed or in process in Gamma Epsilon: Information booth for the aid of freshmen, old clothes campaign for benefit of needy students, sale of student memberships in the Red Cross, erecting of name plates on the trees on campus property, ushering at Sunday organ recitals, service as referees, tabulators, etc., in intramurals, distribution of campus maps during February registration and assistance to college employment bureau. An excellent series of projects for a chapter yet only six months old!

Professor McCurtain reports three outstanding projects in Beta Nu Chapter in the month of February: A Troop Mobilization conducted in cooperation with the local Scoutmasters on Saturday of Scout Anniversary Week, a window display contest during Scout Week, in which all Scout Troops in the community decorated windows in the downtown stores, and an all-organization basketball tournament on the Northeastern campus, in which the chapter presented a trophy to the winning club. These projects mark an outstanding service program in Beta Nu.

And so the records indicate that there is no campus too complicated, none too busy to have need and opportunity for the service program of Alpha Phi Omega.

CITIZENSHIP DAY AT ALABAMA TECH

By proclamation of the President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the Mayor of Auburn, December 14, 1939, was "Citizenship Day," on the campus and in the community, with Alpha Phi Omega and the Open Forum Club collaborating in the arrangements. It was a great occasion, with a commemorative program held on the campus to do honor to those who are coming of age during this school year. All classes were excused for the convocation, and the honored group were given a reserved section in front of the speaker's stand in Graves Center.

In preparation for the program, the members of Delta Chapter checked the entire college registration, found 1625 students of voting age and over 800 coming of age this year. They assisted in arranging the program, painted two dozen show-cards, streamers, etc., addressed 800 envelopes and personally delivered 800 invitations. The civic clubs contributed \$30 to pay for printing and other incidental expenses. "Welcome" pamphlets, pointing out the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship, were furnished by the state Parent-Teachers Association.

The purpose of the program was to welcome new citizens into their right of franchise in this nation which stands for liberty, equality and justice for all. It was a valuable and worthy project, well done through the cooperation of our brothers in Delta Chapter.

"MARCH OF DIMES" AT STANFORD

Zeta Chapter conducted the Stanford University drive in President Roosevelt's "March of Dimes" early in February, and did an excellent job. Through the concentrated efforts of the chapter members, \$250 was raised this year in comparison to \$34 in the same period in 1939.

In two recent ceremonies, the first of which was conducted by National President H. Roe Bartle, Zeta Chapter has initiated twenty-four new members, and is now planning a fingerprinting campaign and a combined dance with chapters at California and San Jose.

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER INSTALLED AT SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Under the direction of Dr. Ray O. Wyland and Brother Harold F. Pote, members of the National Executive Board, Gamma Eta Chapter at Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, was installed Sunday, January 21, 1940. The induction of the 33 charter members was carried out in Carlisle Foyer on the college campus, with a joint degree team from the chapters at New York University and the City College of New York furnishing the ritualistic ceremony.

Speakers at the meeting, in addition to the installation officials, included: Dr. Ernest M. Best, President of Springfield College; Donald C. Moyer, Regional Scout Executive of New England; E. M. Robinson, one of the founders of the Scout Movement in America; Professor George O. Draper, Senior Faculty Advisor, and John C. Norsk, Scout Executive of Springfield.

The officers elected to serve the chapter during its first term are:

William McClellan.....	President
Myron Smith.....	Vice-President
A. K. Macdonald.....	Secretary
Frank D. Parker.....	Treasurer
Kenneth Higgs.....	Historian
Ralph J. Carleton, Jr.....	Alumni Secretary
Professor George O. Draper.....	Senior Faculty Advisor

The advisors of Gamma Eta Chapter, in addition to the Senior Faculty Advisor, include Professor Lawrence K. Hall, Dr. Albert Z. Mann, Professor Erastus Pennock, Edgar M. Robinson, John C. Norsk, Thomas R. Huckins, Robert Hambridge and Thomas Armstrong.



The charter membership of Gamma Zeta Chapter installed December 16, 1939, at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

A HUGE CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN ALPHA PHI

In the first semester's report, presented by President Robert Dyktor to all members of Alpha Phi Chapter, one of the most far-reaching projects listed was the Christmas Fund Drive. In this project, the chapter with the cooperation of the Campus Y. M. C. A. took care of 40 needy families at Christmas time, providing food, clothes, coal and the little extras that make for happiness at that particular season. In addition, the chapter sent sufficient bakery goods to supply two orphanages a special treat for Christmas.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER AT GEORGIA TECH

The second chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in the state of Georgia was installed December 16, 1939, at the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta. Especially well prepared to accept the responsibilities of our fraternity was this group of undergraduates and advisors, having carried out a very successful program on the campus before seeking membership in Alpha Phi Omega.

Dr. Ray O. Wyland, member of the National Executive Board, served as chief installing officer of Gamma Zeta Chapter, and was assisted by Professor A. L. Thomas, Senior Faculty Advisor of Delta chapter and member of the National Executive Board, and by seven officers of the Alabama Tech chapter.

The officers of the new chapter are:

Robert B. Levin.....	President
Bernard Schmitter.....	Vice-President
Fred W. Whitehead.....	Secretary
James P. Sturrock.....	Treasurer
Charles I. Levi.....	Historian
Dr. David B. Comer.....	Senior Faculty Advisor

The advisors of Gamma Zeta, in addition to the Senior Faculty Advisor, are:

Capt. E. C. Franklin.....	Instructor, R.O.T.C.
Prof. Count D. Gibson.....	Professor of Geology
Prof. Newton S. Herod.....	Professor of Physics
Prof. Gerald A. Rosselot.....	Asso. Prof. of Physics
Walter H. McGee, Jr.....	
Weaver M. Marr.....	Scout Executive
C. L. Carlisle.....	Ass't. Scout Executive



The charter membership of Gamma Eta Chapter installed at Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, January 21, 1940.

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER AT SAN JOSE STATE

By Brother Ben Packer, Historian

It was a great day for San Jose State College, December 6, 1939, when the National President of Alpha Phi Omega, H. Roe Bartle, visited our campus to conduct the installation of Gamma Beta Chapter. After months of preparation, the petitioning group on this campus was ready to accept the responsibilities of membership in Alpha Phi Omega, and we were honored to have President Bartle personally officiate. Assisting the president in conducting the ritualistic ceremony were four alumni of Chi Chapter.

The meeting was held at the Hotel Sainte Claire, San Jose, California, with dinner following the ceremonies. A special guest at the dinner was Dean of Men Paul Pitman.

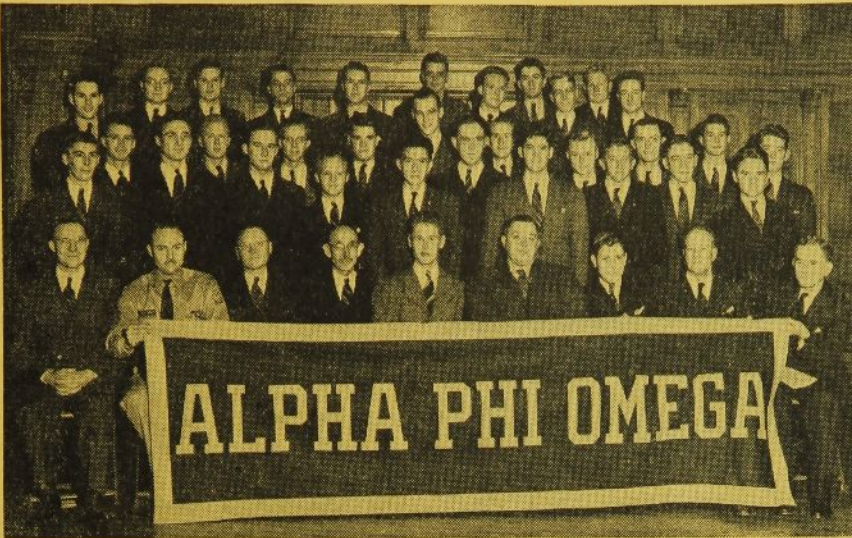
The officers of the newly installed chapter are:

Winfield Hart.....	President
Kenneth Frank.....	Vice-President
Richard Neville.....	Secretary
Raymond Lester.....	Treasurer
Howard Biebesheimer.....	Alumni Secretary
Ben Packer.....	Historian
Robert Nagel.....	Sgt.-at-Arms
Dr. Albert Schmoldt.....	Senior Faculty Advisor

The advisors in addition to the Senior Faculty Advisor are:

James E. Stevenson, Instructor in Ind. Arts.
 Dr. P. V. Peterson, Professor of Chemistry.
 Prof. Dudley S. DeGroot, Director of Physical Education.
 Prof. Harrison Heath, Coordinator of the Technical Division.
 Robert D. Rhodes, Instructor in Biology.
 D. E. McKinlay, Scout Executive.
 E. A. Abbott, Council President.

We have a keen respect for our affiliation with Alpha Phi Omega and we are determined to continuously increase our service program.



Installed December 6, 1939, this group became charter members of Gamma Gamma Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley.

GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER AT CALIFORNIA

On December 6, 1939, Alpha Phi Omega became an official part of the student life of the University of California at Berkeley, when Gamma Gamma Chapter was installed under the direction of Brother H. Roe Bartle, National President. It was a most enthusiastic group which participated in the period of instruction which preceded the initiation ceremony.

A group of alumni of Chi Chapter at U. C. L. A. who are now located at Berkeley conducted the ritualistic work in the installation ceremony, and a group of new members of Gamma Beta Chapter, who had been installed earlier that same day assisted in the ceremonies.

The officers of Gamma Gamma Chapter, installed to serve during the first term are:

Charles T. Kierulff.....	President
William B. Wolf.....	Vice-President
J. Kenneth Reynolds.....	Secretary
Vinton S. Matthews.....	Treasurer
John M. Montgomery.....	Historian
John W. Sundstrom.....	Alumni Secretary
Truman E. Laningham, Jr.....	Sergeant-at-Arms
Prof. Charles G. Hyde.....	Senior Faculty Advisor

The advisors of the chapter in addition to the Senior Faculty Advisors are:

Prof. William B. Herms.....Prof. of Entomology
 Dean Joel H. Hildebrand.....
 Dean of College of Letters and Science
 Prof. Walter C. Blasdale.....Prof. of Chemistry
 Lt. Col. Jay D. B. Lattin.....Dept. of Military
 Frank Wickhorst.....Assistant Football Coach
 Victor Lindblad.....Scout Executive
 Robert P. Petersen.....Instructor in Physics
 Russell Blanchard.....Volunteer Scouter

CAMP STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in camp leadership this coming summer? The Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York is now selecting leaders for its several camps for the 1940 season and has offered an opportunity for Alpha Phi Omega members to submit applications for positions.

These leadership positions offer varied fields of experience as well as enjoyable associations and reasonable remuneration. Members of the fraternity who wish detailed information should write to Mr. Julian Rashkind, Assistant to the Director of Camping, Boy Scout Foundation, 120 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y.



This group became members of Alpha Phi Omega when installed December 6, 1939, as Gamma Beta Chapter at San Jose State College, San Jose, California.



The delegates from the four Oklahoma chapters in attendance at the State Conference in Tulsa, January 21, 1940.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE HELD IN LOS ANGELES

*By Howard Cooper, Alpha Delta,
Conference Secretary*

It was a very happy occasion for the four chapters of Southern California when National President H. Roe Bartle came to Los Angeles to conduct our district conference, December 4, 1939. About 40 brothers attending the meeting representing all of the chapters in the southern part of our state, including Chi at U. C. L. A., Psi at Santa Barbara, Alpha Delta at San Diego and Alpha Kappa at U. S. C.

The meeting was opened by Brother Eugene Zechmeister, president of Alpha Kappa Chapter and arrangements chairman of the meeting, and Dean William Ashworth of Santa Barbara gave the invocation. At this point, the gavel was presented to President Bartle to take charge of the remainder of the program.

Reports were received from the presidents of all chapters, concerning service activities, membership and administrative policies. The presidents outlined as qualifications for their office, knowledge of service, ability to lead, personality, harmony with others, and effective programming.

The two major factors in chapter success were listed as Active Faculty Cooperation and Executive Committee Planning.

At the conference dinner, Dean Francis M. Bacon, Counselor of Men at U. S. C. and member of the National Executive Board, ad-

ressed the group on "The Value of Alpha Phi Omega to the Campus."

Brother Raymond O. Hanson, founder of the Knights of Dunamis and Regional Scout Executive of Region Twelve, addressed the assembly and pledged his personal and official support to the onward march of Alpha Phi Omega on the Pacific Coast.

It was a very stimulating conference, giving all of us a finer conception of the potentialities of Alpha Phi Omega on our campuses and giving us a keener determination to give our best in the service of our schools and our communities.

(The photograph of this conference group will appear in the May Issue)

"COMPULSORY"

In Phi Chapter at Syracuse University, meetings of the Executive Committee are held the first Sunday of every month. Attendance is **compulsory** for all members of the committee. These regular conferences among the leaders of Phi have had much to do with the chapter's success, and the idea of absolutely requiring attendance gets real results. Try it!

IN THE MAY ISSUE

Appearing in the next issue of **TORCH AND TREFOIL** will be the stories and photographs of the Indiana State Conference held in Indianapolis, March 17; the Kansas State Conference held in Topeka, March 31; and the Illinois-Wisconsin-Michigan conference to be held in DeKalb, April 28. Watch for these reports of state meetings!

OKLAHOMA STATE CONFERENCE IN TULSA

Forty-six brothers from the four chapters in Oklahoma, Beta Nu, Beta Pi, Beta Chi and Beta Omega, gathered at the University of Tulsa, January 21, for their first state conference. The brothers of Beta Pi Chapter served as hosts under the able direction of President Jack Monsell and Dr. E. H. Criswell, Senior Faculty Advisor.

With the theme of the year, "Intensification," this conference was marked by an inventory of past activities in the chapters and a study of methods and plans for the future. The National President, H. Roe Bartle, presided throughout the meeting and stimulated the discussions and reports. Panel discussions of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Program Chairmen formed a major part of the days program. These brought forth ideas which are expected to result in increased growth in all of the Oklahoma chapters.

The closing challenge to the delegates was a talk by Dr. C. I. Pontius, president of the University of Tulsa, in which he emphasized that industry and hard work are the basis for success in Alpha Phi Omega as well as in fields of education, business and professional life.

"SEE YOU AT 10:15 TONIGHT!"

Any Tuesday on the DePauw University campus, we might hear one member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter say to another, "See you at 10:15 tonight." That is the hour the regular weekly chapter meetings are held. As Brother Jack Armstrong, chapter president, explained it at the Indiana State Conference, this late meeting hour eliminates any conflict with other meetings and results in good attendance. It's true the meetings often extend 'til after midnight, but what's midnight in the life of a college man! This meeting hour has proved highly successful at DePauw and has become a valuable tradition in the chapter.

Could this idea be used to advantage to increase the attendance in your own chapter?

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE AT AUSTIN

*By W. S. Clark, Alpha Rho,
Secretary of the Conference*

The largest Alpha Phi Omega conference ever held in Texas was the state conference in Austin, January 6 and 7, 1940, with 102 delegates representing Beta Delta, Beta Sigma, Alpha Omicron and Alpha Rho Chapters and the preparatory groups at Texas Christian University and North Texas State Teachers College. National President H. Roe Bartle presided, with the cooperation of Dean Arno Nowotny and Judge George H. Charno, members of the National Executive Board. Brother Bob Kniffin, past president of Alpha Rho Chapter, was chairman of conference arrangements, and he effectively used his entire chapter as hosts.

The keynote address of the convention was delivered by Dr. H. P. Bybee, faculty advisor of the University of Texas chapter. He emphasized "Intensification and Expansion," the theme of the meeting, and challenged the assembled delegates to carry on through the conference with the purpose of leaving better prepared than they came to enlarge the service program of Alpha Phi Omega in all four fields of our activity.

The opening banquet was held Saturday evening in the Junior Ballroom of the Texas Union, with Dean Nowotny presiding as toastmaster. The highlight of the banquet program was an address by Dr. Homer Price Rainey, president

of the University of Texas. From his words of wisdom come these well-grounded thoughts: "Places of great success are nothing more than places of greater responsibility. The basis of your service is your willingness to accept responsibility. Simple honesty and integrity mean more than anything else. Our democracy demands more of intelligence and integrity than any other form of government today."

The Sunday sessions of the conference opened at 9:30 a.m. at the Driskill Hotel, the National President presiding. Interesting and valuable panel discussions were held of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and social chairmen. These brought out the qualifications for each office and the responsibility each officer and committee chairman has toward the success of his chapter.

At the close of the discussions, each chapter president made a short talk, and then the final challenge was given by Judge Charno, urging that we be youth who live for fellowman.

President Bartle adjourned the meeting by calling upon the delegates to "take inventory" to see if all were measuring up to the principles and ideals of Alpha Phi Omega.

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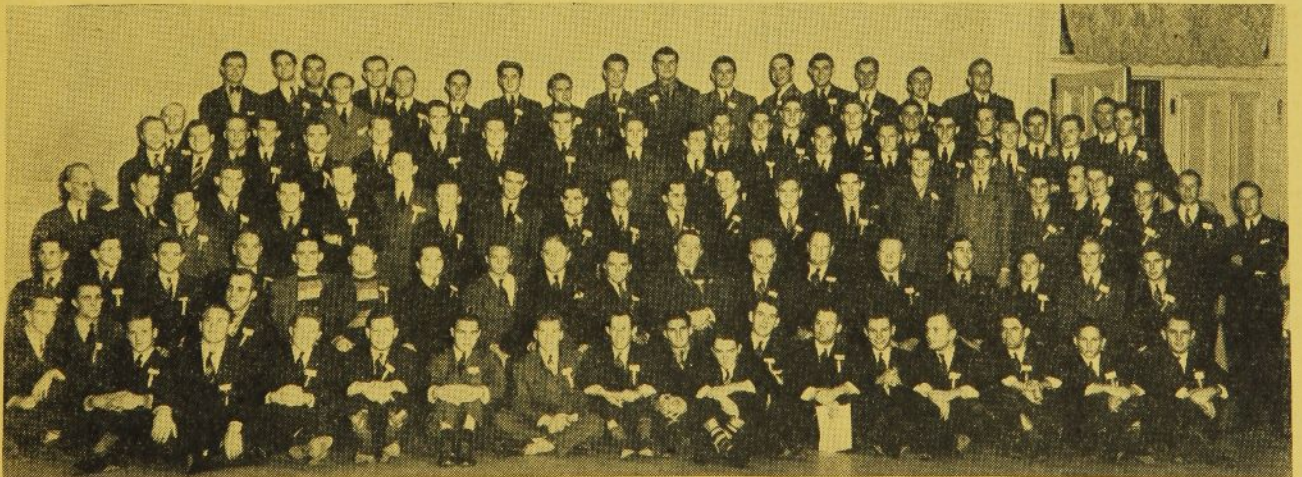
EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

*By Jack B. Lowenbein, Gamma Epsilon
Secretary of the Conference*

The eastern district conference of Alpha Phi Omega of 1939 was held in New York City, December 27 and 28, on the campus of New York University. Fifty-two delegates participated in the meeting, representing six chapters: Kappa, Phi, Alpha Chi, Beta Iota, Gamma Delta and Gamma Epsilon, and one preparatory group at Brooklyn College. Brothers Ray O. Wyland and Harold F. Pote of the National Executive Board officiated.

The meeting was divided into three committees: (1) Administration and Procedure, (2) Activities, and (3) Membership and Extension. The chairmen respectively were Brothers Harry Cohn (Beta Iota), Charles Pound (Phi) and David Kass (Beta Iota).

Some of the recommendations of the conference were: The chapter program should be planned at least one semester in advance, service projects should be arranged so the fraternity will not be known as a soliciting organization, the fraternity should carry on a fellowship program in addition to the service activities to better hold the interest of the members, in order to receive full cooperation from the student body, projects must receive favorable publicity in the campus newspapers, alumni chapters should be established, a one-dollar national fee should be charged of alumni to cover cost of TORCH AND TREFOIL.



This group of 102 men participated in the Texas State Conference of Alpha Phi Omega in Austin January 6 and 7, 1940. They represented the four chapters in the state of Texas and two petitioning groups.

GLEANINGS FROM CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

KANSAS U.

"Lambda chapter placed a bucket in the rotunda of Frank Strong Hall at the University of Kansas last Christmas season for students to show their skill while contributing pennies for the needy. A net was placed for those pennies that missed, while two thermometers recorded the hits and misses. About \$25 in pennies plus \$5.00 in other contributions and clothing, toys and food made it possible for the chapter to "adopt" nine needy families in the city of Lawrence. Provisions for a happy Christmas were purchased and distributed by chapter members.

"In the recent financial campaign of the Kaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, Lambda Chapter handled the solicitation among the professors on the campus and received very good response.

"Another interesting project of our chapter was carried out on Saturday morning, March 16, when we held an Easter Egg Hunt for fifty underprivileged children of Lawrence. The program included tumbling acts, fencing demonstrations and organized games in addition to the egg hunt. Prizes were awarded to the winners and candy gifts were presented to each child."

—Stan Clark, Historian

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

"The main project of our recent pledge class was to decorate the university entrance for Homecoming. The decorations carried out the homecoming theme, 'Florida Forward,' and showed an alligator with jaws snapped at a yellow jacket (representing Georgia Tech's yellow jackets, the opponent for the weekend).

"The city of Gainesville was recently on a drive to raise funds for an iron lung, and a committee of Alpha Phi Omega members was placed in charge of the drive on the campus. Publicity was given to the drive through The Alligator, student newspaper, and our chapter placed contribution boxes at vantage points at the University."

—Don Ed Everett, Alumni Secretary

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Carolling was added to our list of activities when we played the leading part in the University Song Fests before Christmas.

"In conjunction with the Outing Club we held our second annual Snow-Ball. For the second year it was one of the most successful dances on the hill and everyone had another grand evening of fun."

—Don Borchers, Historian

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Plans are now being formulated for the first Hobby Show ever to be held at NYU to be conducted by Beta Iota Chapter. Many of our professors have promised to exhibit their hobbies. With extensive publicity and backing from the school authorities our chapter looks forward to an excellent event. We are planning to invite the Director of Hobby Lobby, Dave Elmun, of radio fame, and we hope to have him present the winning exhibits on his radio program."

—Alfred Reichbach, Historian

MICHIGAN STATE

"One of the major events of the winter season on this campus was the second annual Winter Sports Carnival sponsored by Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in cooperation with several other organizations. A special edition of the 'Michigan State News' gave publicity to the occasion and Old King

Winter produced a perfect setting. It was a great occasion for spectators and contestants."

—Eugene W. Kelley, Historian
U. C. L. A.

"We are now laying plans for a three-day trip to Catalina Island during Easter vacation. We have invited all of the Southern California Chapters to attend and we hope to put on during one of the evenings a formal initiation of pledges of the four chapters.

"We conducted a service on the campus during Christmas vacation, serving as guides and aides to visiting professors at the convention of the American Historical Association.

"Chi is growing and building, realizing that a small group cannot adequately carry out a service program."

—Charles C. Wright, Presiden

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI S. T. C.

"Since Beta Psi had its members blood-typed February 7, two transfusions have been given. The first was by Brother Laurence Brown and the second by Brother Marlin Remley. The chapter members are on call whenever needed for blood transfusions to help save life."

—James R. Paul, Secretary

KIRKSVILLE C. O. S.

"When the Kirksville Cooperative Nursing Home recently entered new quarters, Alpha Omega Chapter donated \$25 in cash and several man-hours of work helping redecorate the building."

—Dr. C. M. Esterline, S. F. A

ILLINOIS

"Three spring projects of Alpha Alpha Chapter include management of the State High School Wrestling Tournament held at the university, management of the National Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament held at the university and sponsorship of old time movies on the campus to increase the chapter treasury."

—Joe C. Thompson, Secretary

THE MAN WITH THE GAVEL

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the officers and members of the organization. The faculty and Scouting advisors serve on the advisory committee and provide a stabilizing force in the chapter at all times.

Each chapter officer, when accepting the responsibilities to which he has been elected, makes the following promise: "To faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, to give unstintedly of my time and energy in directing this service program, and to make Alpha Phi Omega my principal extra-curricular activity throughout my term of office."

The responsibilities and qualifications for office and the pledge which is required of each officer make it especially important that every chapter use great care in selecting the proper men to fill leadership positions in the organization. April is election month, and the action taken by your chapter in this coming election will determine the success of your chapter this spring and in the early months next fall. For the consistent advancement of your chapter, choose wisely the man who is to wield the gavel and the brothers who are to team up with him in the leadership of Alpha Phi Omega on your campus.

TORCH AND TREFOIL TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY

BEGINNING in the fall of 1940, this official publication of Alpha Phi Omega will be published monthly, except January, during the school year. The new schedule will provide eight issues each year instead of the present four, the issues of each year beginning in September and ending in June.

According to present plans the September issue will be an "Annual Service Edition" devoted largely to photographs and news of service projects of all chapters. This will give opportunity for the work of all chapters to be properly recognized and publicized throughout the fraternity and will serve as a valuable exchange of ideas at the opening of each school year.

The other issues through the year will be smaller. They will be confined principally to articles of general interest, with no attempt being made to mention all activities of all chapters. Included will be such unique items as may serve as a guide to chapters in building stronger service programs on their respective campuses.

This new plan is expected to make the TORCH AND TREFOIL a much more valuable publication on a year-round basis, bringing more frequent news to all active members, advisors, pledges, honorary members and life members of the fraternity.