

# THE ALPHA DELT

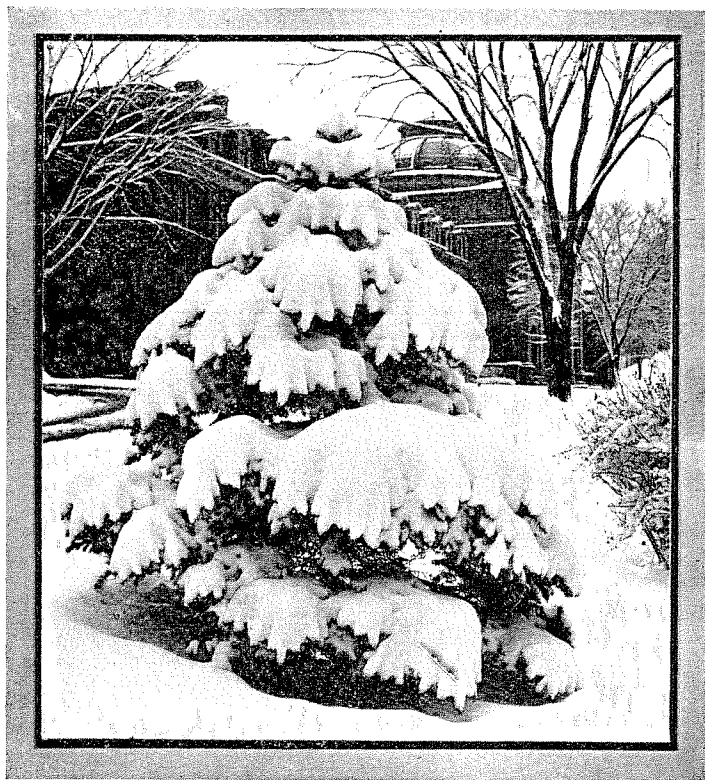
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## Winter Scene



ITHACA RECENTLY ENJOYED its first decent snow-fall of the year. Scenes like this engaged the view on every side.

## CHAPTER GRIEVES TWO DEATHS AMONG ALUMNI

The Cornell chapter of Alpha Delta Phi is grieved as it announces the deaths of two of its alumni within recent months.

Thomas Witherbee Woodbridge '93, of Los Angeles, died September 23, 1935.

Henry Thomas Thurber '15, died August 5, 1935, in San Francisco, suddenly, of a heart attack.

*Ansley Wilcox '21* is a member of the law firm of Wallace, Orr & Wilcox, 380 Gluck Bldg., Niagara Falls, N. Y. Former treasurer and president of the chapter as well as former business manager of the *Cornell Widow*, Wilcox is now a member of the Niagara Club and the Niagara Falls Country Club. Married in 1924 to Julia Allison Davenport, he resides on Ridge Road, Lewiston, N. Y.

## Season's Greetings!



To all of its alumni the chapter extends its best assortment of good wishes at this holiday season.

May none of your ventures during the new year be abortive; may your health and vitality remain unimpaired; may your bridge hands be powerful and your golf scores low; may your days be smooth and your actions unhampered; may all the resolutions you make be followed through to the bitter end; in short, from the Alpha Delta Phi to you

Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!

## Alpha Delt Team Battles For Inter-fraternity Crown

LOSES FINAL GAME IN PLAY-OFF FOR UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP BY ONE POINT

By J. B. Perkins II '37

For the first time in many years Alpha Delta Phi's touch football team has shown, this year, sufficient power and ability to rank with the best teams on the hill.

After winning its own league with comparative ease, the team won its quarter-final and semi-final games in the play-off among the league champions, only to lose the final game for the university championship in a spectacular but heart-breaking game with Kappa Delta Rho on the Upper Alumni Field, November 22, 14-13.

### Win First Game

The Alpha Delt's first game of the season was with Zeta Psi, which they won handily, 12-0. Psi U comes next, and was slightly favored, but lost after a hard-fought game by a score of 7-6, the Alpha Delt's going on to win from Delta Upsilon on a default, the D.U.'s failing to make their appearance for the game. The fourth encounter, with Chi Phi, wound up with Alpha Delta Phi on the long end of a 19-0 score after a dirty game in a pouring rain. The fifth and final game, deciding the league championship, was played against a stubborn D.K.E. team which finally came out the loser, 3-2.

### Go To Finals

Eight teams, champions of their respective leagues, met in the play-offs for university championship. Alpha Delta Phi downed, in succession, Pi Lambda Phi, 6-0; Alpha Sigma Phi, 12-12, (The game ended in a tie, and a play-off being impossible, winner was decided on basis of first downs, Alpha Delt's having made 5 to their opponents' 4). The final game was a thrilling one, two evenly matched teams fighting for every break, Kappa Delta Rho finally winning the championship, 14-13, but only after a hard and mighty struggle. [Continued on page 3]

## THE ALPHA DELT

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**John W. Stead '36** Editor

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### Not Too Early

It is not too early to be thinking, even now, of rushing for next year. Already, prep school seniors are making up their minds as to where they are going to college. Perhaps their minds, or their parents', are already made up.

Also on many a prep school senior's mind the matter of fraternities. The kind of man Alpha Delta Phi wants is one who has thought this subject over a bit, at that. Alumni, by keeping their eyes and ears open as they go about their daily stint will be likely to run into, during the course of their future days and evenings, word of such likely prospects.

So, we urge the alumni brothers to please bear in mind the fact that the search for good men is never ended, and a few seeds sown now, may be more sure to develop into a good crop of pledges than larger number of seeds sown later on in the game. Again, we say, it is not too early.

### Response

Again, in columns two and three on this page readers of THE ALPHA DELT will find the Letters department, begun in the November issue. We hope to be able to continue this department, which has great possibilities of becoming a really interesting forum for the exchange of alumni information, opinion, and suggestion.

It is hoped that many alumni will respond to our plea to write to the editor of anything that occurs to them. If you plan to be married, if you have a new son, daughter, or grandson—let us know. If you have any suggestions as to the improvement of THE ALPHA DELT or if you know of any news concerning some other alumnus, why not write? We'd just like to have a little evidence, too, of the fact that you DO receive the paper, that you like it, or don't like it. If you do like it and appreciate receiving it, we'd like to know; if you think it could be improved by some suggestion you might make—for heaven's sake tell us about it. At any rate, just react, somehow. How about it?

## LETTERS

### First News

Brothers:

I received my first news of the chapter in three years through THE ALPHA DELT which arrived today.

You and the chapter are to be commended for straightening up the records. News of where the old brothers are at present and the identity of the new brothers becomes more interesting each year.

There are few Alpha Deltos among the hard rock miners and concrete men out here . . . regards . . .

WILLIAM N. ROGERS '29

*With the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California "Bo" Rogers is a mechanic, with headquarters at Berdoo Camp, c/o Fargo Camp, Calif. Mail addressed to box 938, Indio, Calif. will reach him. He was married just last July to Greta Mueller.—Ed.*

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### Greatly Interested

Brothers:

I am greatly interested in your No. 1 Vol. 2. Previous numbers or issues failed to reach me. Will you kindly send them to me.

WILLIAM P. ABBOTT '79

*Now retired, Brother Abbott was formerly in the lumber business—The Abbott Mfg. Co. of St. Paul, Minn. and St. Charles, La. He lives now at Suffern, N. Y. Undergraduate brothers appreciate his interest in their efforts to keep alumni informed of Alpha Delt doings. Back issues have been sent, as requested. Other alumni who have not received past issues may have them for the asking, as long as the limited supply lasts.—Ed.*

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### Invitations Appreciated

Brothers:

Illness of over a year has prevented my taking advantage of invitations you have sent for events like initiations and the Princeton game—I am afraid that illness, too, has made me careless about acknowledging your kindness. I am certainly hoping to get back to Ithaca one of these days and see the new chapter house. The Princeton game was not too merry a party for you to prepare for us. We Boston alumni are gunning for your friend, Mr. Dobie. Anyway, good team or bad—it always is a joy to get back to the University and to the Alpha Delt House. I appreciate your invitations. Last June when you sent me the first

issue of THE ALPHA DELT (which I very much enjoyed) you also sent me a questionnaire to answer. The question, "Author of . . . ?" I answered with the facetious reply, "Unpublished novels, short stories, and plays," or words to that effect. I can now say that all of my "efforts" are not unpublished—a story of mine, *Night on the Stills* will appear in the January (I think) issue of *Harper's Magazine*.

I am sorry to have been unable to recommend good freshman material to you. For some reason, few friends of mine have been going to Cornell the past few years. I hope you pledged a good group.

Best wishes to you all and thanks for your invitations and communications.

PAUL SKELDING '19

*It's letters like that which make the chapter feel it is all worth while. A little peppering up—a little indication of response from alumni such as that above—does wonders. We were sorry to hear that Brother Skelding had been ill, but mighty pleased to know that all of his "efforts" have not gone unappreciated by publishers. Will be looking for his story. As noted in the November issue, Skelding lives at Hearth House, River Street, Norwell, Mass.—Ed.*

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### Noel '25 Engaged

Brothers:

Congratulations on the November issue of THE ALPHA DELT. I remember serving a term as corresponding secretary and struggling to get one issue. Your first issue is a distinct improvement over ours.

I was back in Ithaca for the first time in eleven years last June for reunion and should have written before this to thank the chapter for the courtesies shown me.

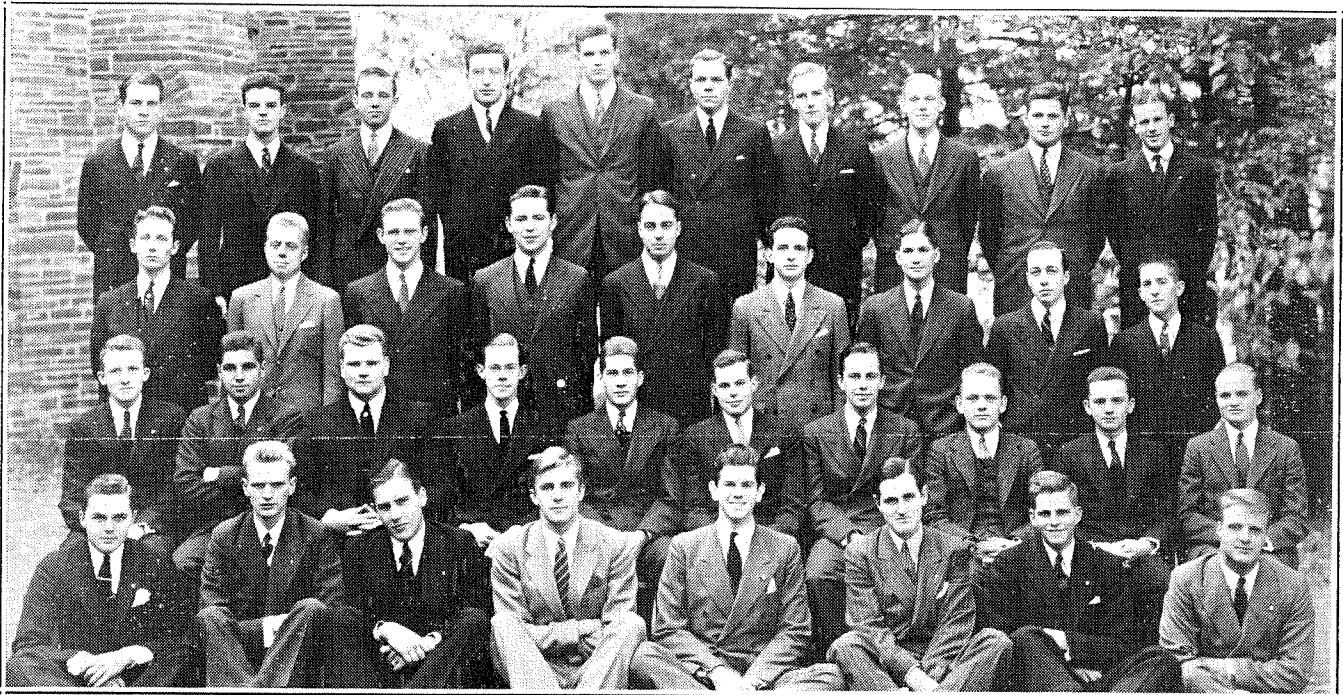
I am returning the questionnaire partially filled out—my campus activities consisted principally in trying to get off probation . . .

Please tell Paul Rice that I have accepted his advice and am going to be married in the spring. I recently announced my engagement to Miss Christine Jones of this City.

THOMAS C. NOEL '25

*Congratulations to Noel, and to him our thanks for his newsy and interesting letter. An insurance broker, Tom has offices 1201 Pierce Bldg., St. Louis. He lives at 5225 Waterman Ave., and is a member of the University Club of St. Louis, the Missouri Athletic Club, and the Meramec Canoe Club.—Ed.*

## Alpha Delta Phi Wishes You A Merry Christmas



THE 1935-36 CHAPTER GROUP. 1st row, left to right: E. Tubbs, Cavender, Bayley, Gerhauser, Luke, Dixon, Edelen, Johnson. 2nd row: Riggs, Friend, Cobb, Reed, Werrenrath, W. Tubbs, Stead, Miller, Whitney, Rockwell. 3rd Row: Perkins, Stevenson, Shick, Conway, Bailliere, McNamara, Crile, Donahue, Neff. 4th row: Jones, Stanton, Modine, Arnold, Rogers, Foster, Smith, Sawyer, Higgins, Young.

### Many Doings Occupy Actives' Attention

Various activities have claimed the attention of members of the chapter in recent weeks. Probably most important was the house party, staged November 8-9. The affair was attended, as usual, by a host of beautiful girls, who all admitted having the time of their lives. There were many guests from Vassar, Smith, Sweetbriar and Wells. It was an event which will be long remembered. Morris Bradley '35 and Jack Owens '36 returned for the party.

Athletically speaking, the house has been well represented. Robert "Bibber" McNamara is out for the varsity basketball squad, and George Bayly is out for the frosh squad, after doing well in frosh football. John Rogers and Fred Schick were out for the fall practice of the varsity crew, Rodgers being number four man in the varsity boat.

Tim Perkins is the new interfraternity bowling champion. Joslyn Smith, from Westmont, Quebec, who was a member of Cornell's successful ski team last year, is out again this season, with high hopes for another successful season.

### Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 13—Toronto at Ithaca  
20—Harvard at Ithaca\*  
21—Rochester at Rochester
- Jan. 4—Colgate at Hamilton  
8—Syracuse at Ithaca  
11—Princeton at Ithaca\*  
18—Dartmouth at Hanover\*  
25—Yale at Ithaca\*
- Feb. 5—Alfred at Ithaca  
8—Pennsylvania at Ithaca\*  
15—Yale at New Haven\*  
17—Dartmouth at Ithaca\*  
22—Pennsylvania at Phila.\*  
29—Columbia at New York\*
- Mar. 7—Harvard at Cambridge\*  
11—Princeton at Princeton\*  
14—Columbia at Ithaca\*

\*Eastern Intercollegiate League games.

Outstanding among the Cornell poloists is Warner Jones, from Louisville, Ky. Pledge Jones, ineligible to represent Cornell in intercollegiate competition because of his freshman standing, has secured a three goal rating at this point of the season.

### Alpha Delt Team Battles For Interfraternity Crown

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The personnel of the team deserves much praise for their ability and spirit throughout the season. The players:

Werrenrath, right end, a consistent and excellent player; Wattles, right guard, hurt in the middle of the season, played a great game while he was in there; Perkins, center, did a good all-around job; Cobb, 250 pound left guard, played brilliant ball all season, being a tower of strength both offensively and defensively; Modine, left end, was a spectacular player, saving and making many a touchdown.

In the backfield, Neff, Jones, Friend, and McNamara all did good, capable and at times brilliant, work. Neff was a brilliant runner and blocker; Jones was a good passer and shifty runner; Friend was probably the best running back, scoring many a touchdown; McNamara did a good deal of the passing, effectively, and was a good blocker. Knight, Rogers and Dixon, utility men, were capable of filling in any place and turning in a regular job.

## News From Brothers Everywhere

*Reynolds G. Rockwell '28* is now with the advertising department of E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del. His business address is Room 6101 DuPont Bldg. Quite a yachtsman, Brother Rockwell is a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (England) and the Indian Harbor Yacht Club. He was formerly a yacht broker in Greenwich, Conn. He was married in 1934 to Eleanor Akin, now has a son and heir, Reynolds Gale, Jr., born in March, 1935. The Rockwells live at 1407 Delaware Ave., Wilmington.

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"For health's sake, roller skate!" urges *Robert Rea Ware '08*, who is a manufacturer of roller skates, naturally enough. His company is the Chicago Roller Skate Co., 4458 W. Lake St., Chicago. Ware's company features noiseless skates, easy on the nerves—you've seen the ads. He was married in 1910 to Elizabeth Dickerson, now has four children, Robert Rea, Jr., 22 (Alpha Delta Phi at Chicago); Evelyn P., 19; John D., 12; and Ralph C., 9. And we'll bet those youngsters are all expert skaters, no? "Hobby" Ware is a member of Phi Delta Phi (Law Fraternity), Oak Park Club, Belvidere Club, Midwest Athletic Club, and the Chicago-Meredosia Gun Club, lives at 325 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

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Off the New Deal is *Walter G. Distler '12*, who, located in Washington as he is, may be too close to it for comfort. Vice-president of the George A. Fuller Co., Munsey Bldg., Brother Distler is an engineer, and has built many a famous building. Among the buildings erected under his supervision are the new buildings of the U. S. Supreme Court and the U. S. Department of Justice. Other structures are the West Virginia State Capitol, and the monumental shaft which is now serving as Huey Long's headstone—the beautiful Louisiana State Capitol. The U. S. Archives Building is another. While in school Distler was for three years a member of the varsity crew, winning his "C" in 1910-11-12. He was also president of the chapter. Married in 1923 to Anna M. Fesenmeier, he now is the father of two children, Ann, 8; and Walter, 6; lives at 2101 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

### It's Your Turn!

Writes an alumnus: "This idea of getting the records up to date by means of those biographical blanks is a swell idea. Good luck to you!"

Needless to say, that alumnus sent in his questionnaire blank to help us along with the good work. Have you sent yours in? If not, are we going to have to come to the conclusion that you think it is not a good idea to try to build up and maintain complete records of chapter members?

Those who have not to date taken care of the matter will find enclosed another blank, which is sent with a fervent prayer. Now, it's your turn!

The House Financing Co. of Detroit has as its president *Paul H. Deming '94*, whose offices are located at 2136 Union Guardian Bldg. By his marriage in 1904 to Helen Smith he has three children, Mary (Mrs. E. C. Parker), Paul, Jr. (Cornell Alpha Delta Phi), and Celia. He is a member of the Detroit Club, Yondotega Club, Detroit Country Club, Union Club of Cleveland, and the Alpha Delta Phi Club of New York. Brother Deming's home is located at 109 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms. He is president of Grosse Pointe Farms, and has been a trustee for ten years.

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A salesman for the American Rolling Mill Co. is *William L. Cressman '27*, who prefers to receive his mail at 50 Church St., New York, N. Y., his business address. He was married in 1930 to Beatrice Bill, who attended Columbia University. Childless to date, they live at 3527 88th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

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In Glens Falls, N. Y., lives *Maurice Hoopes '91*, who is president of the First National Bank of Glens Falls and president, as well, of Finch, Pruyn & Co., paper manufacturing firm. His business address is Box 350, Glens Falls, and his residence is at 95 Warren St., in the same town. Married in 1901 to Mary E. Pruyn, Brother Hooper has one daughter, Mary Hoopes Lapham, 30. A son, Samuel Pruyn, died in 1934 at the age of 31.

*Roger J. Coe '23* is assistant electrical engineer for the New England Power Association, 89 Broad St., Boston, Mass. A former president of the chapter, he was active in many things on the campus as well, being a member of Masque, Quill & Dagger, Aleph Samach. He was married in 1929 to Elisabeth Billings, now has two descendants, Cynthia, 5; and David F., 2. The Coe home is located in Wellesley Hills, Mass., at 10 Seaver St.

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With the Standard Oil Co. of N. J., *Robert N. Lyon '29*, may be addressed at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York. While in school Bob was a varsity football man, and an outstanding member and captain of the varsity swimming team. Plus that he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and was a member of the orchestra for four years. His home is now at 5 W. 63rd St., New York City.

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*Robert S. Joy '32* is traffic agent for the Chicago Great Western Railroad, with headquarters at 405 Gwynne Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. Married in May, 1933, to Grace Bolton, Bob is now the father of a toddler, Abigail, aged 8 months. The Joys live at 149 Mason St., Cincinnati.

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*Abram G. Strattan '16* is a life underwriter for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., lives on Chicago's North Shore, 1415 Wildwood Lane, Highland Park, Ill. He has four children, Frank, 12; John, 10; William, 9; Margaret, 1. He is a member of the University Club of Chicago and of the Exmoor Country Club.

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A publisher is *Albin Yeaw '18*, with Newson & Co., 73 5th Ave., New York. While in school Brother Yeaw was house manager and president of the chapter. During the war he enlisted as a seaman, was discharged as an ensign in 1919. Married in 1928 to Mary R. Carpenter, he now has two sons, Albin Jr., 4; and Coleman Carpenter, 1. Home address: 680 Mosswood Ave., Orange, N. J.

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*Richard "Dick" Seipt '32* is now with the J. Wood Mfg. Co. of Conshohocken, Pa., as an engineer. Still single, he lives at 1043 DeKalb St., Norristown, Pa.