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## Chapter Initiates Eight Frosh At Two Ceremonies

**Raymond S. Richardson, Initiate's  
Father, Officiates as  
Toastmaster**

Initiation ceremonies for seven men were held at the chapter house March 19, followed by a banquet presided over as toastmaster by Raymond S. Richardson, Hamilton '11, father of one of the initiates.

A particularly creditable delivery of the charge at the ceremony was made by William A. Speers '40. The formal induction of one initiate was postponed because of the death of his father.

### **Toastmaster Richardson Speaks**

The main talk of the initiation banquet was given by the toastmaster which was followed by Joslyn A. Smith's '38 welcome to initiates. The freshman response was made by William F. Robinson '41.

A special initiation was held for Norman Franklin Rohn '41 on March 28, which was attended by James France Brown, traveling secretary for the fraternity. Norm is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

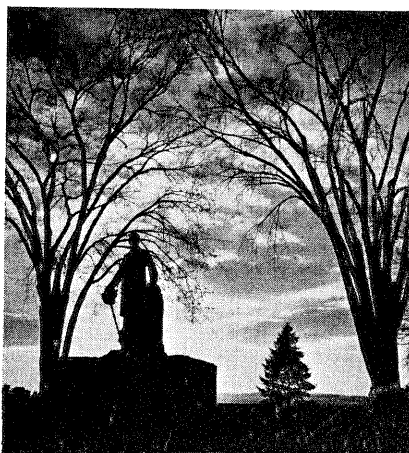
### **Three Legacies in Class**

Among the newly initiated men are *Warren Ackerman*, Rumson, N. J., *James Miller Easter*, Owings Mills, Md., nephew of Charles Finger, John Hopkins, *John Norton Hall*, Yonkers, N. Y., and *Robert Henry Herrmann*, Garden City, N. Y.

Others were *Walker Fairfield Peterson, Jr.*, Baltimore, Md., son of W. F. Peterson, Sr., Cornell '11, *Henry Brown Richardson*, son of Toastmaster Richardson, Lowville, N. Y., and *William Furman Robinson*, Garden City, N. Y.

## Alpha Delta Phi Suffers Loss of The Widely-Known Colonel House

### **Sunset at Cornell**



Cornell Alumni News

**EARLY SPRING SUNSETS** brought scenes like this to the campus. Warm weather arriving prematurely provided opportunity for swimming in Beebe Lake as early as March 22.

## George Bayley Elected President of Chapter

Early spring elections for chapter officers turned the presidency of the house over to George Bayley '39 and the position of vice-president to Merton F. Gerhauser '39. They succeed Jos. Smith '38 and Larry Whitney '38 respectively.

Both of the new officers are from Ohio, George of Lima and Mert of Chagrin Falls and both attended Western Reserve academy before enrolling at Cornell.

The new president is a member of the hotel school, Majura, of the basketball squad and was football center in his freshman year. During the past year he was treasurer and steward of the house. Mert is a member of the polo squad and is in A. E. M. E.

## Wilson's Wartime Advisor Dies After Two-Month's Illness

Cornell Alpha Delt's most widely known member, Col. Edward Mandell House '81, passed away at his New York home, March 28, after a two-months illness of pleurisy and complications.

He became widely known, both in this country and abroad, as the confidential advisor and almost *alter ego* of President Woodrow Wilson during the all-important years of the World War.

### **Never Held Office**

Born in Houston, Texas, in 1858, the Colonel received most of his scholastic education in the East. He came to Cornell after attending the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, Conn.

Though always a politician and keenly interested in public affairs he refused all offers of public offices. His business interest and source of income was a successful cotton plantation in Texas.

### **Nearly Prevented War**

Most of his service to his country was performed in an unofficial capacity, yet the former Kaiser of Germany has said that except for the Sarajevo incident, in which the Archduke of Austria was assassinated, Col. House would have prevented the world's greatest war.

He was a staunch advocate of preparedness. He attributed America's participation in the War to the contempt European powers held for this country's small army.

As President Wilson's personal representative abroad, he was candid, sincere and logical, basing his arguments on common, rather than diplomatic sense. The European diplomats liked it and Col. House won his

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### Queeny '19 Directs Thriving Industry

March issue of *Fortune* says about Brother Queeny '19, "Edgar Monsanto Queeny likes to point out that the Monsanto Chemical company is now producing a greater volume of chemicals (gross sales in 1937, \$33,000,000) at a lower average price than ever before in its history.

"Also, that the contribution of his company to unemployment during the depression was exactly nil, and that he is employing double the number of men (5,500 in January, 1938) that he was employing back in 1931.

"Since 1928, when he became president of the company, Mr. Queeny has steadily expanded its operations, plowing back \$24,000,000 into plant and improvements in the last nine years. Monsanto makes over 300 different products, relies on no one of them for more than six per cent of its sales, deals with some 40 industries.

"Founded by the late John Queeny in 1901, it remained for lean, dark son Edgar to boss it through the depression, emerge with a \$5,100,000 profit in 1937.

### Bradley Reorganizes Directors' Board

The name of Charles L. Bradley '08 has figured prominently in recent news stories in connection with his position of president of the Chesapeake Corporation.

Brother Bradley called a special meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of reorganizing the board of directors which could not agree on important matters of business judgment.

*If you are still receiving questionnaires, kindly fill it out this time sure.*

### "Hank" Lowe '35 Married To Wells Graduate

Only recently did the editor learn of the marriage of Henry W. Lowe '35 to Eleanor Hayes, Wakefield, Mass., which took place in the Wakefield Congregational Church on October 9, 1937.

Hank's brother-in-law, Robert G. Birkin '26 was the best man while Reinald Werrenrath, Jr. '36 was one of the ushers. The bride was attended by Reinald's sister and his wife, both Cornell graduates.

Groom Lowe is an account executive with Compton Advertising Inc., New York City, and is trying to keep Mrs. Lowe happy at 55 West 11th street in that city. Congratulations from the chapter, and best wishes to you both.

### Schurman '17 Moves Against Bookmakers

New York City's chief magistrate Jacob Gould Schurman, Jr. '17 recently made the news again in connection with his moves to halt the wholesale dismissal of charges against bookmakers arraigned in New York City's Magistrates' Courts.

He sent a letter to all city magistrates citing a recent Court of Appeals decision and declared: "It is assumed that hereafter defendants charged with bookmaking will be only rarely discharged."

Copies of the letter were sent to the District Attorneys of the five counties, the police commissioner and the chief justice of the Court of Special Sessions.

An honor recently made to the magistrate was appointment to the Greater New York Fund, Inc., to assist in the city's welfare drive.

### Two Alpha Delts Appointed

The list of men selected to sponsor the Greater New York Fund, Inc., formed to increase the effectiveness and supplement the finances of the city's private health and welfare agencies includes the names of William Colt '94 and Walter C. Teagle '00. Brother Colt is prominent in New York City automobile circles, having the agency in that city for Dodge cars.

## Mead's Memory Is Perpetuated By Florida Park

### Botanical Garden Started in Winter Park as Beauty Center

The memory of the work of the late Dr. Theodore L. Mead '77 in Florida will be perpetuated by a fifty-acre botanical garden in the city of Winter Park, Fla. The project has been approved by the city commission, and application has been made to the PWA for funds to develop the first unit.

Dr. Mead went to the southern state in 1881, spending the first five years in Eustis developing an orange grove. Then he purchased 85 acres at Oviedo which he developed as a scientific center for plant breeding, specializing in the hybridization of orchids and amaryllis, and later of variegated caladiums.

For fifteen years before his death he specialized in growing hybrid seeds in connection with experiments conducted on the germination and growth of orchids.

The memorial botanical garden will include a greenhouse and a palm house, a heron rookery, a bird sanctuary and an aquarium.

### Returns from Cruise

Paul H. Deming '94, president of the House Financing Corporation, Detroit, and wife stopped in New York City during late March on their return from a South American cruise before going to their home at 109 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.

Henry C. Charpiot '86, who practiced law for many years in Paris, France, and who was also connected with the Paris banking house of J. P. Morgan and company, is in retirement at 95 Westclay Park, San Francisco, Cal.

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James B. Burrows '84, known to his friends as "Dusty" Burrows, has retired from business and is living on his farm near Decatur, Ill.

## Johnny Rogers Is Commodore Of 1938 Crew

### Whitney Fighting to Cinch His Regular Berth of Coxey

Leading the Big Red crew during the 1938 season is Commodore Johnny Rogers '38, pulling a strong number four oar. This is his third year of varsity crew competition. Alumni may see him in action in the Carnegie Cup Races on Cayuga Spring Day.

Another member of the same crew is Larry Whitney '38, last year's coxey, who has been battling a Psi U for that position this year. During the recent training sessions Larry has been getting the nod, hence, Spring Day may find him in the first boat.

#### Sophomore Makes Track Team

Larry Wheeler '40 won some second and third places for the varsity track team during the recent indoor season, running the 75-yard high and low hurdles. At present time he is training for the spring track season.

Recent elections to honoraries gave George Bayley membership in Majura, while Charlie Munschauer '40 and Bill Cole '40 received invitations from the Mummy Club.

#### Two Frosh on Crew

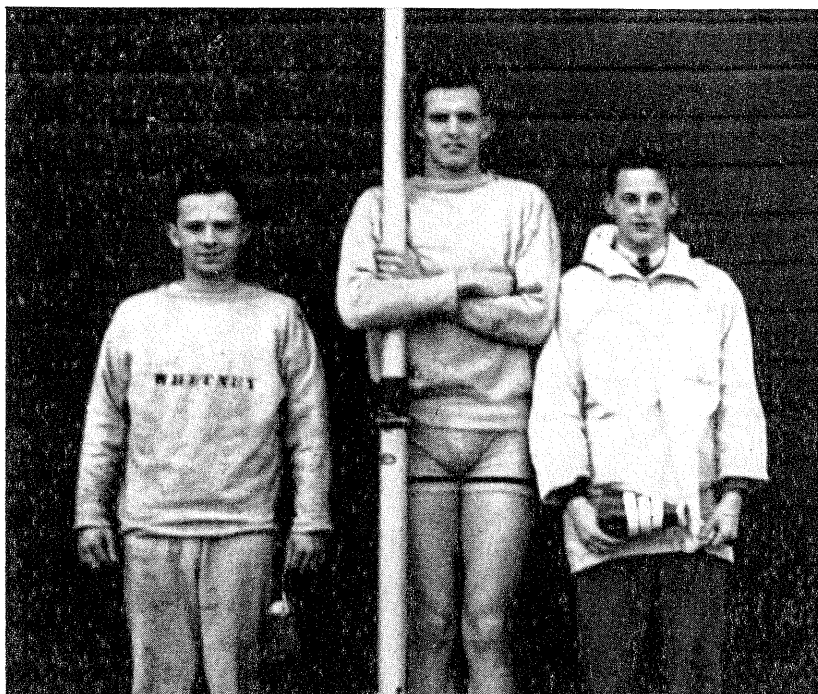
Getting back to crew again, this time to the Freshman boat, John Hall is discovered barking the rhythm through a megaphone, while listening to him is Norm Rohn, pulling a pretty fair oar.

Another freshman is out for a spring sport—Bud Richardson, making a bid for the yearling baseball aggregation.

#### House Closed In Summer

According to present speculation, it is altogether probable that the chapter house will not be open for summer session this year as it has been in preceding years.

## Alpha Delt's Crew Members



THE RANGY GENT in the center is Johnny Rogers '38, Big Red crew commodore this spring, flanked on the left by Larry Whitney '38, junior varsity coxey, and on the right by John Hall '41, frosh coxey.

## Doctor Morris '80, Noted Surgeon, In Ill Health at His New England Home

### Hudson Rose Plans Summer in Europe

Hudson P. Rose '84, one of the chapters most loyal and consistent supporters, and wife sail for Europe June 3 to spend about six weeks in Hungary. From that country they will visit Yugoslavia, then England. It occurs to the editor that they may be in Central Europe during another history-making period if events take place according to some experts.

For many years Brother Rose conducted a vigorous real estate business in and around New York City, developing property in the Bronx and Westchester counties. At Cornell he was freshman editor of the *Sun* during the first year of that publication.

His office address in New York City is 45 West 45th street, and his home address is 940 Park avenue in the same city. The chapter wishes the travelers a pleasant voyage and an enjoyable visit on the Continent.

It is with regret the chapter learns of the ill health of Dr. Robert T. Morris '80 who lives in retirement at his home near Stamford, Conn.

Dr. Morris is one of the leading surgeons of the country, particularly in cases of appendectomy in which his technique was widely followed some years ago.

It might be mentioned that he is a close friend and professional associate of the distinguished Dr. George W. Crile of Cleveland who is the father of Robert Crile '37.

Dr. Morris is also particularly noted for a volume he wrote a few years ago titled "50 Years a Surgeon", a book that has enjoyed a wide circulation.

His interest since retirement has been principally in the field of grafting plants at his country place. He has been president of the Alpha Delta Phi and has also been president of the Cornell Club of New York.

He may be addressed at Box 554, Stamford, Conn.

## News of Brothers 'Round the World

*Philip S. Lyon '27*, secretary of the Cornell Club of Kansas City, is with J. F. Pritchard and Company, engineers, 528-32 Dwight Building, Kansas City, Mo.

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*Robert J. McNamara '37*, who was graduated last June in Hotel Administration, is concerned with the insurance business with the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, 80 Maiden Lane, New York City. In that city he is a member of the New York Cornell Club and the New York A. C.

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*Robert S. Joy '32* who spent but three years at Cornell, is traffic agent for the Chicago Great Western Railroad with headquarters at 405 Gwynne building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob married Grace Bolton in 1933 and has two children, Abigail 3, and Lucinda 6 months.

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Formerly with the American Telephone and Telegraph company, New York City, *Ralph Bergen Hamilton '23* is general sales manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Seattle, Washington, where he is married to Gladys V. Perez and has a three-year old boy, Ralph Bergen 111. From his home at 2357 11th avenue, Seattle, he writes: "No claim to fame except that my Dad, class of '96, was a great crew stroke; I rowed for the 'Old Man' in his last year of coaching; I also tried to play football on the Hill."

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Former chapter president *Samuel S. Evans '27* is factory representative for the Wilkening Manufacturing company, Philadelphia, living at 29 Kenilworth street, Newton, Mass. Sam was a varsity football man for three years. He is married to Ella M. Behrer, a Cornell Alpha Omicron Pi, and has a daughter nine years and a son six.

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*Roger Wolcott Hooker '21*, chapter president in his day, is sales manager of the Hooker Electrochemical company, 60 East 42nd street, New York City. He married Grace Celeste Garden, William and Marv College. in 1935 and lives at 325 East 72nd street, New York.

### Items of Interest About Alpha Deltas

The oldest living member of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell is *Brandt Van Blarcom Dixon '70*, president emeritus of Newcomb College, Tulane University. He lives at 1732 Palmer avenue, New Orleans, La.

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The "proprietor" of Allens Foot Ease, a widely-used and popular preparation, is *Allen S. Olmstead '79*, formerly of LeRoy, N. Y., now of 289 Sumner street, Buffalo.

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*Charles B. Goodspeed '08*, 619 Exchange Railway building, Chicago, is listed as a member of the board of directors of the Boys' Clubs of America, Inc.

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The Container Corporation, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and of which *Wesley M. Dixon '18* is the first vice-president and director, has a capital of 13 million dollars, according to a recent report. Brother Dixon lives at 111 W. Washington street, Chicago.

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A steamer owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has been christened the "W. C. Teagle", in honor of the chairman of the board of that company, *Walter C. Teagle '00*.

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### Wanted To Trade

The following classified item recently appeared in a New York City newspaper:

WANT to trade well-located four-bedroom, two maid's room, four-bath, automatic gas heat, brick house in Denver, Col., for good condition, modern suburban house with fair acreage, similar size, in Connecticut. Write Wilbur Newton, owner, Old Lyme, Conn.

The "owner" is Cornell Alpha Delt's Wilbur Newton, class of '05, son of a Cornell graduate of the class of '79, Whitney Newton.

Mail for *John Teagle '29*, should be addressed to Rural Route 3, Box 292-A, San Antonio, Texas, geologist for the Humble Oil and Refining company, Houston. After leaving Cornell he attended the University of Texas for one year, receiving a master's degree.

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President of the Berst-Forster-Dixfield company, New York City, is *Hamilton B. Bole '11*, former house manager for the chapter. He had other activities on the Hill, also, including chairman Junior smoker, chairman Spring Day committee, Quill and Dagger, Nalanda and Book and Bowl. At their home, 24 Woodland place, Scarsdale, N. Y., the Boles have three children, Allen Bole II, 13, Elizabeth, 10, and Hamilton, Jr., 8, possibly future Cornellians.

### Colonel House Lost To Alpha Delta Phi

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points or those that his President had outlined.

A statue of the Colonel was erected in Warsaw, Poland, in 1932 in recognition of his work for that country in the days following the World War.

The President and his advisor broke their relationship quietly over a question having to do with Wilson's insistence on every point of his League of Nations plan.

The President's "advisor" then moved his personal effects from the room that had been kept for him in the White House for years. The break between the two men has since been much of a mystery, although a recent *New York Times* editorial carried the wording of a cable sent by the President to the Colonel in 1919:

"Am deeply distressed by malicious story about break between us. The best way to treat it is with silent contempt." However, it was not long afterward that the Colonel ceased to receive replies from his letters to President Wilson.

The Colonel, according to old *Cornellians*, spent but two years on the Hill, enrolled in the course of Arts and Sciences.