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Eddison '42 Writes About Summer Trip Aboard Polish Liner

War Declared While Ship Was Crossing The Atlantic

"We were delighted when the *M. S. Batory* of the Gdynia-America Line docked in Copenhagen on schedule, for we had some apprehension of getting home. It was the 25th of August and we had already booked passage for New York on this Polish ship.

"We boarded her, and she set sail first for Cherbourg. The North Sea looked serene and quite touched by European tension; we were reminded of the state of affairs, however, when we learned we had gone about 200 miles off course to avoid unnecessary proximity to German waters.

Experienced Blackout

"We also had our first *blackout* that first night out. The massive blackness of the ship reminded us of the death ship in *Outward Bound*. The blackout was practically ineffectual, however, since there was a bright moon, making us visible for miles.

"The following morning we arrived in Cherbourg. Only a few of the many thousand American refugees chose to board the *Batory* and travel home on board a Polish ship. The following morning we left Cherbourg, and on our sixth day out from Copenhagen, Germany declared war on Poland. If the conflict had officially begun on or before the fifth day we would have had to return immediately to the nearest European port.

Atlantic Passage Rough

"The Atlantic passage was so rough there was no fear of submarine attack. On the morning of the eighth day we sighted land ahead, although at that time we had expected to be one thousand miles from New York. We learned from

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Chapter Sends Greetings For 1939 Holidays

The Cornell chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi sends to each of its alumni cordial holiday greetings with very best wishes for the year of 1940. May it be a prosperous and happy one for you.

In connection with the program for the reduction of the mortgage, *R. W. Hooker '21*, chairman of the committee in charge, wires his greetings to the chapter from a business trip in Alabama, and also stating: "I believe the fine spirit of fraternal cooperation which exists among undergraduates and graduates alike assures success in 1940 to our refinancing plans and will provide for us all a cause for genuine pride and confidence in the years ahead."

We understand that plans for the program are just about set, and that alumni will hear from the committee directly in the very near future.

Vail Bayly '39 Engaged; Works in Cleveland Hotel

Announcement of the engagement of *George (Vail) Bayly '39*, ex-chapter-president, to Miss *Blanche Helms* (Cornell '40, Alpha Phi) was made this fall, no date set for the wedding. Miss Helms is president of her chapter.

Vail works in the front office of the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, where he may be addressed. He rooms with *Wilson Foster '38*, who works for Republic Steel, and with *Don Kittredge* (Cornell '39, Kappa Alpha). Vail visited the house December 9th.

Traveling Secretary Visits

Alpha Delta Phi's traveling secretary, *Bob Brinker* (Rochester), dropped in on us November 27 and 28 for a check-up visit and to pass along words of advice where needed.

Strong Pledge Class Of 12 Men Includes 4 Relatives of AD's

Most Pledges Already Have Gone Out For An Activity

Alpha Delt's new pledge class at Cornell of 12 freshmen represents a variety of prep schools, includes four relatives of fraternity members, and one pledge comes from Havana, Cuba.

Under the direction of "*Pete*" *Peterson '41*, who reported receiving many rushing recommendations from alumni, the chapter swung into action during the summer, getting an early start in the work. We are justly proud of the new class and believe it is a credit to the fraternity.

Presenting the Pledges

First on the alphabetical list is *Julio Bernabee Cadenas* of Havana who attended Choate and Culver, serving as crew captain at the latter school. Out for frosh crew and fencing at Cornell, he is enrolled in pre-law with ambitions of entering the diplomatic service.

David Waycott Carson, who has two brothers members of Trinity chapter, comes from Sewickly, Pa. He attended St. James Episcopal School where he was captain of soccer. Studying Hotel Administration, he is out for soccer and the football competition. *Karl William Corby*, Arts, Rockville, Md., attended Lawrenceville where he was head cheerleader and active in athletics. Activity interests at Cornell are basketball and baseball.

Brother in Dartmouth Chapter

Harry Wallace Embry, Jr., Louisville, Ky., learned much about the fraternity from his brother (Dartmouth '34). Pledge Embry took part in football and track in high school, is out for track at Cornell. His course is mechanical engineering.

George Christopher Gilfillen, Jr.
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Kindly Use News Blank To Tell About Yourself

A policy of all *Alpha Delt* editors has been and is to print as much alumni news as we can assemble. We watch for items in newspapers and magazines, and take as much as we can from the Who's Who questionnaires. Not many questionnaires come back these months since the majority of our alumni have filled them out by this time.

We know that many times you mean to send us news items for the paper but that it slips your mind before it's done. So, to help you on this matter we have had prepared news blanks, one of which you may find enclosed with this issue.

We hope you will use it to tell us of happenings with you, your family or other alumni you know intimately. You know the kind of items the paper can use—marriages (with all the particulars), births, doings of the children, trips, visits with other alumni, social or civic activities, or changes and advancement in business connections.

Kindly do not set the blank aside—if you absolutely can't think of any news items to send, try writing a personal message about how you like the paper and what or whom you would like to read about. You might also like to reminisce a little about your days at Cornell. We'll scan our mailbox for a reply from you when returning from the holiday recess.

Registration Sets Record

Registration this year showed a total of 6,772 students at the University, a new all-time high, although there is a gain of but 83 over last year. Arts & Sciences is largest college—1,715.

Four Men Will Accompany Glee Club on Tour

Four members of the chapter will accompany the Musical Clubs on the annual concert tour during the holiday vacation—Bill Robinson '41, Jon Bullard '42, Cushing Smith '42, and John Weaver '43.

Entitled "In the Red", the show will be presented in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, on Christmas night; at the Players' Playhouse in Detroit on December 26; at Stevens Hotel in Chicago on December 27; in the Runnymede Playhouse in Dayton, Ohio, on December 28; in Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, December 29; and in the Statler Hotel, Buffalo, December 30.

Following the concerts will be receptions or dances to which alumni are heartily invited to share in the fun.

Small Homecoming Crowd Attends Columbia Game

Homecoming on November 4 didn't come close in duplicating the huge attendance of Cornell alumni at the 1938 Homecoming. In fact, the crowd at the Columbia game was just half that which saw the 1938 Dartmouth game.

But at least eight Alpha Delt alumni came back for a visit and to see the fast-moving Big Red move one step closer to its undefeated record. Among those who came to the house and recorded their presence by signing the guest book were W. G. Distler '12, Fred M. Gillies '18, R. W. Hooker '21, L. B. Colt '22, R. N. Chase '22, Paul K. Rice '25, H. H. Bradley '26 and Giff Orwen.

A. H. Cornish Marries Graduate of Columbia

A wedding in St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, October 12, concerned *Abraham H. Cornish, Jr.* '33 who married Katherine N. Koopman. The bride received the MA degree from Columbia in 1937.

Brother Cornish received his law degree from Harvard, is with the law firm of Osborne, Cornish & Scheck, Newark, N. J., where he may be addressed. The couple lives in Millburn, N. J.

Editorializing Upon Recent Improvements To the Chapter House

Young '94, Young '99,
Rice '25 Receive
Due Credit

At this date past the middle of December we feel we have digested the impressions received from goings on about the house since the latter part of September.

After the first few weeks of the new school year passed our admiration for the new pledge class became subconscious—we no longer wonder who its members are or where they come from for now they are our friends and one, as a group, with us.

Alumni Send Recommendations

We stop for a minute to recall to mind those people who are responsible for our fortunate position. First we think of our alumni who responded so thoroughly to our request for names of promising candidates. For those recommendations we are deeply grateful.

Before the various improvements to the house and grounds become a silent part of our environment let us mention them and the men who are responsible for them. Concrete now replaces the weeds which formerly grew between the flagstones on the terrace. Flowerbeds have been filled with rich earth preparatory to planting with suitable greens. For these things we thank *Brother John P. Young '94*. For negotiating the repairs to the tennis court we are grateful to *C. V. P. Young '99*.

In Charge of Summer Work

Paul K. Rice '25 was in charge of our summer work which was carried on chiefly by Pete Peterson. This work consisted chiefly in painting the upstairs hall, bathrooms and the outside woodwork. We owe the alumni in general thanks for a new motor-mower with non-skid tires (for climbing hills), and for a new icebox.

Finally (at least in editorial) we think of ourselves, the members of the undergraduate chapter, who returned three or four days before registration to paint study rooms, many of which also hold new furniture.

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of Dayton, Ohio, attended Mercersburg where his activities included soccer. A pre-med student, he has thus far gone in for polo on the Hill. *William James Hunkin*, Gatesmills, Ohio, comes from Manlius. His prep activities included football, skiing, golf and publication work. He is out for the *Widow* and football competitions, studies A. E. C. E. From Andover and Lawrenceville comes *Richard Doherty Logan, Jr.* of Toledo, Ohio, Arts student, is a basketball and track man. *Fred-eric Courtney Stone* inherits his Alpha Delt interests from a grandfather of the Yale chapter. Coming from Kent, his sport taste runs to skiing, cross country and lacrosse.

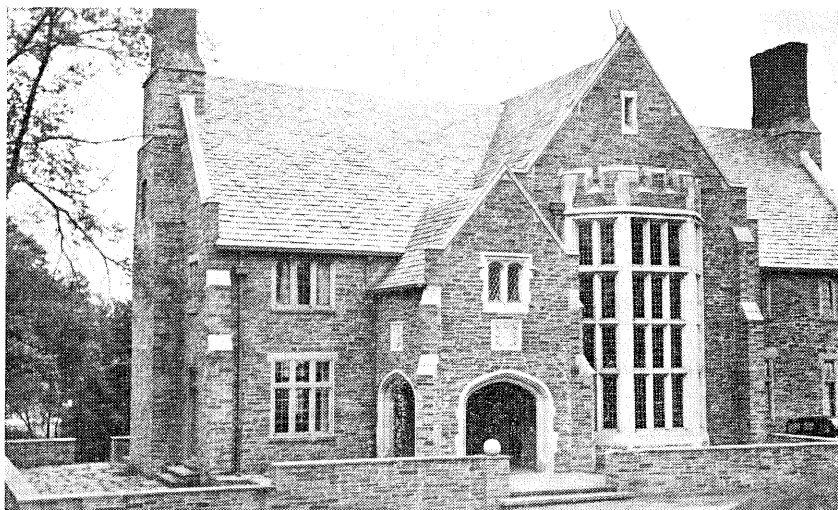
William Donald Vinton of Birmingham, Mich., brother of *Bob Vinton '40*, is a track man and Cornellian compet, studies animal biology in Arts and Sciences. *Paul John Weaver, II*, son of Cornell's director of music, attended the Northwood School, took part in many sports. Enrolled in Arts & Sciences he is a member of glee club and a candidate for the frosh basketball and golf team.

Enrolled in the five-year course of architecture is *Thomas Dickinson Wells*, Farmington, Conn. At Kent he took part in football, hockey, crew, and at Cornell he is duplicating the same activities. *John Hamilton Lewis* of Briarcliff, N. Y., attended Loomis, Pomfret and Hill academies, is a prospect for the basketball and baseball teams, studies civil engineering.

New Fraternity Directory

The Interfraternity Council this past summer had prepared a 72-page pocket-size booklet containing pertinent information about Cornell fraternities, devoting one page to each fraternity, using a picture of each house plus the names of resident members. A copy was given each freshman at registration.

Home of Cornell Alpha Delt



LOOKING SOMEWHAT DESERTED as this issue goes to press since holiday vacation has already started, nevertheless a warm welcome awaits you here when college is in session. We hope you will never fail to visit us when you have the opportunity.

Jos Smith '38 Marries; Sawyer '38 is Best Man

We are happy to report the marriage of *Joslyn A. Smith '38* to *Ellen Louise Brophy* of Jackson Heights and Roanoke, Va., which took place at University House in New York City September 30. *Harold M. Sawyer '38* was best man.

The bride attended Mount de Chantal Academy, Wheeling, W. Va., and the Katherine Gibbs School. She is a member of the Junior League of Roanoke. Jos is with the Shawnigan Water and Power Company in Montreal. Following a wedding trip to the west coast the couple has taken residence at 619 Sydenham Avenue, Westmount, Quebec, Canada.

Several Address Changes

Although these changes in address probably are not new, they recently came to us for correction of the files.

Robert Ryon '03, Mutual Building, Lansing, Mich.

Dennis Hall '29, R. 2, Gulfport, Miss.

Birny Mason, Jr. '31, 911 Edgewood Avenue, Charleston, W. Va.

Frank F. Wooley, Jr. '31, 72 Whittier Street, Andover, Mass.

John W. Marshall '34, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Aboard a Polish Liner During the Recent War

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the crew that we were coming into St. Johns, Newfoundland, where there was the protection of British guns (those captured from the French in the eighteenth century, we discovered, were the only guns there) until a convoy arrived.

"We stopped at Halifax the next day and here saw for the first time our convoy of cruisers, and also learned that France and England had entered the war. We could not help rejoicing with our Polish hosts.

"We left Halifax under cover of night and headed at full speed for New York. The only lights to be seen on the upper part of the ship were the flickering of flashlights in the main smoking room where drinks were being served, and the golden spray of carbon particles which rose from the roaring funnel aft.

"We were in New York quarantine on the morning of September 5. In the harbor we could see the *Monarch of Bermuda* and the *Queen Mary* in sombre wartime dress. Two seamen from our ship jumped overboard in an attempt to desert. We, too, wondered about the destiny of the *Batory*."

Quentin Booth '81 Passes; Was Former Manufacturer

A death notice reaching the attention of the chapter belatedly concerns *Quentin Woodbury Booth '81* who passed away January 9, 1939, in Rochester where he lived at 272 Culver Road. He was a brother of *Irving E. Booth '83* also of Rochester.

Deceased was a member of the firm of Booth Brothers, machinery manufacturers, until his retirement in 1931. He entered Sibley College from Rochester in 1877, studying at Cornell one year. He was single.

Jim Easter '41 Elected Captain of Polo Team

Maintaining Alpha Delt's representation of the polo team as held recently by Mert Gerhauser '39, *Jim M. Easter '41* of Owings Mills, Md., not only is a member of the first string team but was recently elected polo captain. Jim is enrolled in administrative engineering.

The cross country team which copped the interfraternity crown and a large turkey last year came out second best this year when Phi Kappa Tau romped home in first place. On the AD team were Ed Miller '42, Ken Zeigler '42, Harry Embry '43 and Court Stone '43. Since we were last year's winners the house was obliged to purchase the turkey for the 1939 victors.

One other item to report upon in the realm of activities is the election of *Bill Robinson '41* to Aleph Samach in recognition of his election to assistant manager of track.

New Book About Cornell

A new book receiving more acclaim and enthusiastic reception than any book ever written or compiled about the University is a 90-page volume entitled *Our Cornell*, recently off the press.

Containing essays and articles by a number of prominent Cornell alumni, mostly about their own experiences and observations, the book conveys the atmosphere and background of the University as could be presented only by such alumni. We understand the volume is available by addressing Our Cornell, Morrill Hall, Ithaca.

Alpha Delt Alumni News Books

Wallower '31 Visits

Frank C. Wallower, Jr. '31 and Mrs. Wallower spent nearly a week at the house during the middle of November while Frank was in this section of the state on business. Our address for them is 112 Sergeant Avenue, Joplin, Mo.

Second Christmas Carol Sing May Establish Tradition

Almost assured of becoming a tradition at the chapter is the annual carol sing and egg-nog party on the Sunday night preceding the holiday recess. Started last year, the gathering this year was the second.

The idea goes something like this. Each chapter member invites one guest—usually a member of the faculty—who is expected to bring his wife or a friend. The hour is set for approximately 8:00 p. m. at which time the house is lighted principally with candles, a fire burning in the fire place.

On a long table in the livingroom is a large bowl of egg-nog from which guests are served upon their arrival. Cookies and snacks are on trays nearby. Following that bit of pleasantries one may wander to the game room where a dart board is set up, a fruit cake as prize for high score of the evening.

Later on everyone assembles in the livingroom where some impromptu singing develops around the piano, carried on to some extent by members of the chapter who may sing a fraternity or college song as a bit of "entertainment". The entire evening is one of informality, guests at liberty to come and go as they please. This year our get-together lasted until after 11:00. Those of us who helped organized the custom are sincerely interested in seeing it continued permanently.

Mert Gerhauser Visits

Returning from a business trip to Maine, *Mert Gerhauser '39* stopped in at the house late this fall for a visit, telling us that he enjoys his work with the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland.

Shurman Appointed Judge Of New York City Court

The December 19, 1939, New York *Herald Tribune* carried a picture of *Jacob Gould Schurman, Jr. '17* being sworn in as judge of the Court of General Sessions. He was formerly New York City Chief Magistrate.

Brother Schurman was appointed to the new position by Governor Herbert H. Lehman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the former judge. He will hold the office until December 31, 1940, at which time the position will be filled by a special election of November.

The new judge, a Republican, was defeated in this year's election for a place on the General Session's bench. He had the Governor's endorsement in the primary.

The son of the late Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, former Cornell president, he was graduated from Harvard Law School in 1922 and engaged in private practice until his appointment by New York's Mayor F. H. LaGuardia as Chief Magistrate in 1935.

We address him at 300 Mulberry Street in New York where his family consists of Mrs. Schurman, Polly 9, Lydia 11, and John R. 15. John is attending Phillips Exeter Academy. All but son John were present at the swearing-in ceremonies which took place in the Appellate Division Courthouse on December 18. Judge Schurman took his seat on the bench December 20th.

Music Club Organized

Pledge Courtney Stone '43 took the initiative to organize a music club which boasts of having over 20 members, and organized for the purpose of collectively purchasing classical recordings which individuals could not afford. Any alumni have connections for buying records wholesale?

Let Us Hear from You

Be sure to use the new news blank enclosed; or better yet, we'd like to have a letter from you.