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Corporation Considers New Plan to Reduce Mortgage

Thirteen Men Welcomed Into Chapter Membership

National President Speaks At Annual Banquet

We recently concluded what we feel was one of the most successful initiations in many years. The plan of having the Alumni Corporation meeting at the house over the same weekend had the desired effect of bringing back many alumni.

We were extremely fortunate in having Carl R. Ganter, *Kenyon '99*, president of the National Chapter, with us to preside at the formal ceremony. Thanks are also particularly due to Brothers Peterson, Tone, Ogden, Richardson and Hooker for their assistance during the informal initiation.

Ganter Talks at Banquet

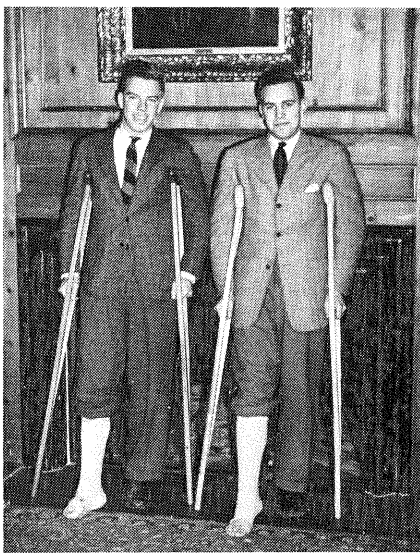
A rousing banquet followed the ceremony on March 22, at which *Frank J. Tone '24* acted as toastmaster, and Brother Ganter spoke. His talk dealt with the problems encountered in running the fraternity at large. Welcome to initiates was given by *Walker F. Peterson '11*; the response, very capable and witty, by Lincoln Scafe.

Other alumni in attendance were *G. V. P. Young '96*, *J. P. Young '94*, *George H. Young '00*, *W. G. Packard '11*, *R. S. Richardson, Hamilton '11*, *R. W. Hooker '21*, *Leonard B. Colt '22*, *Ansley Wilcox, II '21*, *Paul K. Rice '25*, *Emmet Lynn, Rochester '25*, *Willoughby Cady, Brunonian '27*, *W. H. Ogden '27*, *Horace W. Hooker, Jr. '28*, *James Rice, Jr. '30*, *John V. B. Rice '32*, *Freddy Brown '36*, *John J. Conway '37*, *Carl O. Friend '38*, *John Riggs '38*, and four undergraduates from Hamilton.

Two sophomores and 11 freshmen were initiated, making a total of 13 new brothers in our society. There were three legacies among the initiates, and we feel they make up one of the best classes we have had in many years.

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Another Coincidence



ROOMMATES WITH BROKEN right legs at the same time and wearing identical casts.

Roommates Easter & Peterson Break Legs Within Two Weeks

Last issue we ran a story about the remarkable coincidence of roommates who married roommates, and who had daughters on the same date last June. We feel the accompanying picture represents another noteworthy coincidence.

Here are roommates who, within two weeks of each other, smashed up the same leg in just about the same spot on the leg; who have since been going around on crutches, wearing identical casts!

Jim Easter '41 had the misfortune of having a horse slip and roll on his foot just before a polo game, badly smashing several bones. *Walker (Pete) Peterson '41*, son of *Walker F. Peterson '11*, broke his right leg two weeks later while skiing in Vermont during mid-year recess. Since the picture was taken Pete has recovered sufficiently to get around with a cane; and Jim Easter is well on the road to recovery.

Many Alumni Gather On Initiation Weekend

New Finance Committee Is Established

With good alumni attendance, a special meeting of the Corporation of Alpha Delta Phi was held at the chapter house, March 22, preceding formal initiation. Special attention was given to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign.

At the recommendation of President *R. W. Hooker '22*, the trustees were directed to investigate a plan of mortgage amortization through a life insurance system. This was done by the trustees and Finance Committee the following morning who recommended that the plan be adopted providing some further specific investigating proved favorable. Details of the program will be given in a special mailing.

Other Business Matters Discussed

The chapter's accountant reviewed his duties and presented a report for the year. Matters of insurance and compensation were discussed and referred to the Finance Committee. The Birge Memorial Fund was discussed, including a report of the fund from *R. N. Chase '22*. Brother Chase was given a vote of thanks for his long and loyal work in that connection.

The newly-appointed Finance Committee includes all of the officers of the trustees, and the president of the resident chapter. It was also moved that *John P. Young '94* be appointed a committee of one to arrange a program of alumni dues which will be inaugurated at a later date.

Trustees Meet on Sunday Morning

On the morning following initiation the trustees held a special meeting at the house to further discuss the new financial program. A representative of the insurance company handling such work was present and discussed the many details involved.

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Chapter Hears Talk on Fuertes; Receives Some of His Paintings

During the latter part of February the chapter was treated to a talk on the life of the late *Louis Agassiz Fuertes* '97 given at the chapter house by George M. Sutton, professor of ornithology at Cornell.

He also spoke about Abyssinian birds and mammals, using prints owned by Doctor Fuertes, for illustration. Following the talk, Professor Sutton presented the set of prints to the chapter as a gift from Mrs. Fuertes.

President, Pioneer Cooperage

J. Turner Clarkson '21, former chapter president, was recently elected president of Pioneer Cooperage Co., St. Louis, Mo., following the death of his father last December. He is also a director of the Majestic Mfg. Co.

Turner built a new home last fall at 5 Bridle Creek Road, City of Ladue, Mo., moving in during November. He married Frances H. Compton (Vassar) in 1925, has three children—Frances Louise 14; John Turner, Jr. 8; Caroline C. 4.

He tells us there are some good rushing prospects in St. Louis and promises to keep us informed. He is a brother of *Palmer L. Clarkson* '27 who is also a member of the Pioneer Cooperage Co.

Crawford Receives Vote of Thanks

Alumni at the recent corporation meeting unanimously approved that a vote of thanks and an expression of gratitude be given to *W. J. Crawford* '07 for his long and splendid service as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. Father of *W. J. Crawford, III* '36, he is addressed at 720 Cuyahoga Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Trustees Change Meeting Date To Annual Initiation Weekend

Since the idea of a corporation meeting on initiation weekend met with such splendid results this year, the trustees have amended the constitution to read, "The regular meetings of this corporation shall be held annually at Ithaca, N. Y., at the time of the annual chapter initiation, at the chapter house".

Such a weekend, it was agreed, was more suitable to the serious consideration of problems and business matters than is a football weekend when, of course, everyone is more in the mood for general recreation and celebration.

The next regular meeting of the corporation, then, will be early next spring at initiation time. Announcements will be sent out in sufficient time in order that everyone is notified.

Several Undergraduates Ready For Defense Training Service

Already we have lost a few undergraduates in the defense program, and several others will pack up some special training during the coming summer.

Dick Logan '43 of Toledo, Ohio, left at the end of the first term to join the army. *Nick Cadenas* '43 of Cuba is with the Cuban air force. *Herb Drew* '41 and *Bud Richardson* '41 expect the call during the summer, following graduation; and *Dave Carson* '43 plans to go to camp during the summer.

We are interested to know of any alumni who have been called into active duty. Kindly keep us posted on that score, won't you?

Sam Rockwell in the Army

Sam S. Rockwell '37, engineer for Public Service Electric & Gas Co., is a second-lieutenant in the army, stationed at GHQ Air Force, Scottfield, Ill. He writes he would like to hear from other Alpha Delt reserve officers on active duty. He may be addressed at 110 East E. Street, Belleville, Ill.

Colby Moves to California

Horace F. Colby '23 recently requested us to change his address from Detroit to 250 Hillside Road, South Pasadena, Calif.

Mitchell With Jones & Laughlin

William G. (Bill) Mitchell '33, is with Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., at their Washington, D. C., office in the American Surety Bldg. A former chapter president, he lives at Tilden Gardens, 3031 Sedgwick St.

Irving Easton Presents Chapter With Table Of Interesting History

Was Presented to Him
As Wedding Gift By
Many Alpha Delts

The undergraduate members of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell owe a vote of thanks to *Irving B. Easton* '91 of New York City for his gift of a fine inlaid Alpha Delt table. Not only an excellent piece of furniture, the table has a long and interesting history.

Brother Easton was one of the most active Alpha Delts of his time. He was not only manager of football, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Sun*, member of Sphinx Head, Musical Clubs and several other societies, but was a vigorous and capable campaigner in the drive for funds to build the second chapter house.

Was Supervisor of Alpha Delt Club

Following graduation he became a trustee and supervisor of the dining room and bar of the Alpha Delt Club in New York City. When he married Marion Ramsdell in 1912, members of the club presented him with this table.

Owing to the increase in the club's membership which had just taken place, the fund was over-subscribed; and with the large sum of money, an especially fine table was made—and by Alpha Delt Frank W. Richardson, *Phi Kappa* '84. Members of 12 chapters subscribed, as well as members of the Cornell chapter, which is proof of "Easy's" popularity.

Table Has Been At the Club

After using the gift for many years he put it in the Alpha Delta Phi Club several years ago. At the dissolution of the club he elected to send the table to us, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank him for it. It is not only greatly appreciated by those in the chapter now, but will continue to be appreciated by many classes of Alpha Delts to come. He was visited at his home, 405 East 52nd Street, New York City, by Easter and Peterson of the chapter during spring recess, and professes great interest in the chapter. His business career has been associated with the wholesale lumber business.

New Finance Committee Includes All Officers Of Board of Trustees

Ansley Wilcox Directed To Study Birge Fund And Make Report

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The trustees also directed that repairs be made to the fire escape from the Lodge, and that the old concrete steps from Stewart Avenue be removed. The new Finance Committee met Sunday noon. *Ansley Wilcox '21* was directed to make a study of the Birge Memorial Fund and to make a report. Control of the fund will be left with the new committee, but limited in making new loans until after the report is in. Further discussion was made on fire insurance, mortgage reduction, and on alumni dues. Members of the committee are *J. P. Young '94*, *R. W. Hooker '22*, *L. B. Colt '21*, *W. F. Peterson, Jr. '41* and *Paul K. Rice '25*.

Two Sophomores, 11 Freshmen Initiated Into Alpha Delta Phi

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The sophomores are *Frederick Spencer Johnson*, pomology, Westfield, N.J.; *Eduardo Marco Ricaurte*, agronomy, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Following are the freshmen: *William Cathcart Arthur*, mechanical engineering, Meadville, Pa.; *Robert George Conway*, Agriculture, Albany, N. Y., brother of *Jack '37*; *Edward Stewart Friend*, mechanical engineering, Hartland, Wisc., brother of *Carl O. Friend '38*.

Leonard Cleasby Pratt, Jr., Arts & Sciences, Jenkintown, Pa.; *Henderson Gaylord Riggs*, Arts, Elmira, N. Y., brother of *John '38*; *Lincoln Robert Scafe, Jr.*, electrical engineering, Cleveland, Ohio; *Herman Charles Schumm, III*, Arts, Milwaukee, Wisc. *James Cheney Totman*, Arts, Baltimore, Md.; *Vernon Edelen Whitaker*, chem engineering, Birmingham, Ala.; *Frank Weston Whittier*, mech engineering, Douglassville, Pa.; *Robert Joyce Woods, Jr.*, mech engineering, Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Latest Construction Program at Cornell



CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS

Where Olin Hall for Chemical Engineering is Being Built

Farrington '10 Is Directing Housing for Training Camps

A busy alumnus in the last six months is *Thos. H. Farrington '10* who is directing housing construction at training camps on the West Coast.

He had to acquire the land at Fort Ord near Monterey, Calif., conduct or supervise the topographical survey, and initiated the housing program. He did the same thing at the Advanced Flying School at Stockton, Calif.

Recently he was sent to Mare Island to do the same thing for the Navy Base. He has now been assigned as project engineer in charge of erection of 924 dwelling units at Vallejo, Calif., which will take about a year to complete. He lives at Berkeley from where he commutes.

Courtenay Barber '28 Has Son

A son was born to *Courtenay Barber, Jr. '28* and Mrs. Barber at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago on February 27, 1941, and has been named Courtenay, III. Mrs. Barber is the former Ann M. Watson of New York. "Court" is a life underwriter, and has a new business address — Room 305, 29 S. La Salle Street, Chicago.

AD Cross Country Team Brings Another Championship to House

Another championship was won by the chapter this year when the cross country team of Alpha Delt's piled up the most points of any competing house.

First Alpha Delt to finish was *Ken Ziegler '42*. Second best for the chapter was *Ed Miller '42*; and third was *John Dusenbury '43*. The hockey team reached the finals and was all set to play the Dekes for the championship when the spring thaw set it. Instead of playing hockey on Beebe now, the weather seems more appropriate for swimming.

Plays 'Cello in Two Symphonies

Robert N. (Bob) Lyon '29, who played 'cello in the University Orchestra four years, is a member of the Long Island Symphony and the Nassau Philharmonic orchestras. He is a Long Island resident in Syosset. His position is economic analyst for Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Bob married Agnes D. Milliken in 1939 and has a son, Alexander Newell who celebrates his first birthday in May. Bob's business address is Room 2841, 30 Rockefeller Place, New York City.

News Briefs about Alpha Delt Alumni

Father of Len Colt '22 Dies

William L. Colt, Cornell '94, died at his home in Bronxville, N. Y., on March 26, 1941, at the age of 69. President and general manager of Dodge Motors, New York, Inc., he was the father of *L. B. Colt '22* of Providence, R. I.

Recent Corrections to Address Files

Frank S. Gresham '06, Box 694, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Allen Mulford '15, 1053 University Place, Schenectady, N. Y.

Eheyn L. Smith '17, 935 James Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Thomas B. Colby '23, Rancho Bendito, Valley Center, Calif.

Franchot Tunc '27, 470 Layton Way, Village Station, Los Angeles, Calif.

Reynolds G. Rockwell '28, Talmadge Hill Road, New Canaan, Conn.

James B. Taylor '28, 4532 Southern Avenue, Dallas, Tex.

Ed Trimble '27 Sends News

E. G. (Ed) Trimble, Jr. '27, who is with Employers Reinsurance Corporation, Kansas City, Mo., tells us his family consists of four children—John 8; Tom 6; Bill 3; Mardi Jean 1. He tells us that *T. B. Freeman '27* is a captain at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Ed saw *Sam Evans '27* in Boston recently, and Sam says he sees Gil Dobie now and then, and that Gloomy Gil is thoroughly enjoying life in retirement. Ed's Kansas City address is 1600 Insurance Exchange Bldg.

Monsanto Sales Up 30 Per Cent

Sales of the Monsanto Chemical Co. in the first two months of this year were up more than 30 per cent over last year, and profits were up in about the same ratio, according to president *Edgar M. Queney '10*. The company plans further plant expansion this year, with emphasis placed on products which it is hoped will maintain or recover to their present sales volume when the defense emergency is over. The company has hired 110 new technical men for its research staff where it is concentrating particularly in the plastic field.

Dick Pietsch Has New Son

Second child for *Richard F. (Dick) Pietsch '26* and Mrs. Pietsch is a son, named Richard Lake. He celebrated his first birthday during April. Their daughter, Bonnie, is three. The new addition made necessary a change to larger quarters, so the new home address is 1130 Judson Avenue, Evanston, Ill. Just can't help wondering if they still have a certain cocker spaniel named "Spice" . . . Dick is an advertising representative for Sears, Roebuck & Co. He reports having a grand visit with *Bill Knight '27* at the annual dinner of the Cornell Club of Chicago recently. Incidentally, we could use an up-to-date address for Bill.

Takes Razzing about Crew Loses

Ralph B. Hamilton '23, general sales manager for Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., 1512 Northern Life Tower, Seattle, Wash., writes: "It breaks my heart to see Washington bear Cornell at Poughkeepsie all the time; and do I take a razzing!" Ralph was something of a crew man himself at Cornell, as was his father, the late *Ralph B. Hamilton '96*, who rowed under "Pop" Courtney. Have faith, "Berg"; maybe the Big Red will pull a surprise this June. They almost did it last year, remember? It might be noted that the East has a very healthy respect for the sweepers from the U of W.

Charles, Jr. Is Called "Spike"

Dr. Charles Bradley '25, medical director at Emma Pendleton Bradley Home for children with nervous disorders, East Providence, R. I., has two children at his home now. The first is a daughter—Nancy 7; and the other is Charles, Jr. 3, better known in the Bradley home as "Spike".

A Daughter for Hank Lowe '35

A daughter, Marcia Haven Lowe, was born to *Henry W. (Hank) Lowe '35* and Mrs. Lowe on December 15, 1940. Mrs. Lowe is the former Eleanor Hayes (Wells '35). Hank is an account executive for Compton Advertising, Inc., at 630 5th Avenue, New York City, and lives at Parkside Way, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Carl Friend '38 Is Married

Carl O. Friend '38 married Miss Jane Van Brunt, December 28, 1940, and lives at 3107 N. Shepard Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. The bride is a graduate of Wisconsin. Carl is with Nordberg Mfg. Co., Milwaukee.

Recent Corrections to Address Files

Harold Gifford, Jr. '29, 3636 Burt Street, Omaha, Neb.

Samuel R. Pursglove '33, Hotel Westlake, Rocky River, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jack V. D. Owens '36, 42½ Parkside Court, Utica, N. Y.

William R. Arnold '37, 1001 N. Rodney Avenue, Wilmington, Del.

John D. Ogden '37, 204 Edwards, New Haven, Conn.

Whit Boardman, Jr. '40, 2640 Harrison Blvd., Ogden, Utah.

H. H. Everist, Jr. '40, 1025 Cranberry Street, Erie, Pa.

Larry Wheeler '40, Armstrong Manor, Lancaster, Pa.

Birthdays Come Close Together

Second child, Anne Carver Sellery, was born to *R. T. Sellery '32* and Mrs. Sellery on Christmas Day, 1940. Their first child, Thomas Hills, was born December 26, 1938. Had the new child been born just 16 minutes later the birthdays would be identical. "R. T." is an insurance adjuster, is addressed at 2339 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. He inquires about the address of *H. M. F. Miller '33*, but we aren't much help. We are still sending his mail to 405 Summer Street, Rockford, Ill. Haven't heard from him in a long time. *Stew Johnston '34* is hearby requested to send us Bill's address.

Woos Hooker '21 Is Honored

The chapter was pleased to learn that *R. W. (Woos) Hooker '21*, president of the Alumni Corporation, has been named a director and vice-president, as well as sales manager of Hooker Electrochemical Co. at Niagara Falls. His residence is in nearby Lewiston, N. Y. "Woos" has been one of the chapter's most interested and active alumni for many years.