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KAPPA DELTA RHO SPRING FRATERNITY 1957 "The good Education of Youth
has been esteemed by wise men in
all Ages, as the surest Foundation
of the Happiness both of private
Families and of Commonwealths."

Benjamin Franklin



Member of the National Interfraternity Conference

## Very Much Alive!

The very result we have been trying to avoid has happened and we bow our red faces in abject humility. Although we attempt to check obits in two or three places two (no less) very glaring errors crept into the September issue.

Chauncey R. Buohl, Pa. Pi '32, is living in Pittsburgh, employed by the Gulf Oil Corp, as a sales supervisor. He has been "lost" in the national office for the past five or six years, a factor perhaps that thwarted any attempts to

check reports directly.

Frederick K. Beecher, Omicron '28, is also very much alive at 335 S. Dixon Road, Kokomo, Ind. Brother Brazier Beecher attributes the error to the fact that their father died recently. Fred is in the Delco Radio Division of General Motors in Kokomo, Ind.

(To both these men we send our apologies for an error we have been trying to avoid for 11 years. Forgive our stupidity,

please.)

## First For 1957

First contributor to the 1957 Loyalty Fund was Wayne Lobdell, California '33, of Route 1, Box 447, Chico, Calif. His Contribution was mailed on Jan. 2, 1957, first working day for the post office department in the new year. Congratulations, Wayne!

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# Many KDR's Attend 48th Interfraternity Conference

The 48th annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on November 29 - December 1, 1956 was the most notable for Kappa Delta Rho since the fraternity became a member in 1929. More officers and members attended the 1956 meeting than ever before, with many making significant contributions to the growth of the NIC.

National President O. D. Roberts was the official delegate to the House of Delegates, governing body of the NIC. He also attended the dinner of the College Fraternity Secretaries' Association and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators on Thursday evening, November 28th.

National vice-president Fred T. Closs represented the Board of Directors at several general sessions of the Conference on Saturday, December 1st.

National Treasurer Floyd R. Baughman, attended general sessions on Saturday, December 1st, and an informal executive committee meeting of KDR on Saturday evening.

National executive secretary Don Wolfe, attended the dinner meeting of the College Fraternity Secretaries' Association, a luncheon meeting of the College Fraternity Editors' Association, the meeting of the House of Delegates as alternate delegate for KDR, and several general sessions of the Conference.

Howard Neuberg, assistant dean of men in charge of fraternities at the University of Illinois attended in his official capacity and saw his local Interfraternity Council win the grand award given by the Conference to the outstanding IFC.

John Thurston, undergraduate from Franklin College, represented his IFC as official delegate from the Franklin Council.

National Historian George E. Shaw attended the closing session on Saturday, December 1st and later attended the informal meeting of KDR's that evening.

Also renewing old KDR ties were two alumni, Ferd B. Ensinger, former executive secretary, and Orrin G. Judd, present legal adviser to Kappa Delta Rho.

As is the custom at NIC President Roberts had as his guests at dinner Saturday evening all KDR's in attendance at the Conference. It was the largest such gathering in the history of our fraternity.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE

Deliberation in the House of Delegates was concentrated on two proposals relating directly KDR; the first to extend the confirmation of the 1955 NIC action looking toward the establishment of a central office; the second to finance the office with the proposed increase in dues from member fraternities, the net increase being \$4 per chapter per member fraternity. The first proposal passed with eight dissenting votes; the second was amended to provide for final approval by a two-thirds majority of the 1957 House of Delegates.

#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Two panel discussions comprised the program on Friday afternoon. The first on "Manners and Standards" presented some interesting opinions concerning the contemporary fraternity chapter:

1. That students, including fraternity men, reflect a falling national standard of conduct since the War's end.

That there is more student drinking, but it is on a more moderate basis.

 That institutions could do a better job of fairly and honestly enforcing rules and regulations.

4. That better orientation and pledge training would offset de-

ferred rushing proposals.

5. That the housemother plan will not necessarily solve all the problems.

6. That the NIC leaders should show the undergraduates how to

solve their problems.

The second discussion group took the topic "Fraternity Relationships to Increased College Enrollments." Significant points made were:

1. Publicly supported institutions rather than private would probably bear the brunt of the increased enrollments with private schools becoming more selective.

2. That honorary and professional groups may become living groups on a cooperative basis.

 That deferred rushing might prove helpful by providing a more

stable fraternity group.

4. That the only way to prevent fraternities becoming minority groups was (a) more fraternities and (b) better fraternities.

#### **GRAND BANQUET**

Kappa Delta Rho came in for some indirect recognition at the banquet in the Starlight Roof Friday evening when Howard Neuberg, Illinois '52, saw his local IFC receive the grand award as the outstanding undergraduate Interfraternity Council.

Dr. Ralph Sockman of radio fame gave the address "The Future of Fraternities" in which he stated bluntly that "fraternities have no future unless they fulfill their responsibilities." "Fraternity men" he said, "must set the cam-

pus style by developing responsible members who set the campus style in educational and religious matters." He stated that "fraternities are in the spotlight as they never have been before, and they must not fail."

#### HUNGARIAN RESOLUTION

The sessions closed on Saturday, December 1st with a most inspiring resolution praising all Hungarian students in their fight for academic freedom against Communism. The delegates gave the resolution a rousing burst of applause.

Francis Van Derbur of Denver, Colorado, was elected the new chairman of the Conference.

# Page, Alpha '45, Named Fellow In Medicine

Dr. Lot B. Page, (Middlebury '45) has been named a Fellow in Medicine at The Harvard Medical School. He also has received a post-graduate research Fellowship from the National Institute of Health. He will now pursue research and clinical activities at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where he is a staff member, in association with Dr. Alexander Leaf.

Dr. Page was graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1949. After his internship, he was appointed an instructor in Physiology at the New York University Medical School. While there he did research in the field of body fluid metabolism and kidney function. A World War II veteran, he was recalled to active duty with the Army in 1952, serving in Korea and at the Army Medical Research Laboratory, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Since his discharge in 1954 he has been a Resident Physician in Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

-Middlebury Alumni News

# The Juture Engineer! How Versatile Must He Be?

Remarks by Hubert W. Gouldthorpe, Mu '27
Manager-Engineering Personnel Service
of General Electric Co.
Before the Ohio Section
American Society for Engineering Education
Columbus, Ohio — April 28, 1956

When one takes a thoughtful look at what appears to be ahead for America, he can see burgeoning opportunities for the technically trained person this year, next year, and as far ahead as he cares to look. Ten years from now, which is the focal point for today's conference, the environment will be somewhat different, new technologies will have emerged, and scientific knowledge will have been advanced. These trends will broaden the horizon for engineers and scientists, for arising from these trends will be problems in quantity and complexity that will challenge to the limit the ability, the initiative, and the stamina of all the engineers and scientists that the colleges and universities can possibly train for the next ten years. So accelerated is the pace that many of these problems will go unsolved for the time being, and many fine careers will never develop simply for the lack of competent technically-trained people.

#### TRENDS IN THE NEXT DECADE

What are some of these trends that augur so well for the engineer and scientist in the next decade? They are everywhere, but to illustrate my point let's take just three of the broader trends that will have a profound effect on everyone, especially engineers and scientists.

The first trend is the great upsurge in the United States population. This year the total will reach 169,000,000—a figure which the Bureau of Census estimated as recently as 1948 would not be reached until 1965. By 1966 the population may well be 200,000,000. Some say that we are ahead of schedule, but in fact, U.S. industry is nine years behind in planning for the needs and wants of the American people.

Coupled with the population increase is the second trend—the rising standard of living. People are using more, buying more, and expecting more, with each passing year. By 1966 our gross national product is expected to be 60 per cent greater than it is today and it will have to be produced with only a 14-15 per cent increase in the total work force.

A third trend, that spells opportunity, is the great expansion in technology. This has been triggered by the war effort, and fed by the billions that have been spent on private research and development of one form or another. Atomic power, the computer, jet propulsion, and the automatic factory, are examples which open up great fields of opportunity for engineers and scientists in the old

technologies as well as in the new

ones just emerging.

These three trends in themselves accent present basic problems and will precipitate many new ones to be solved. This should benefit the engineer and scientist, for their stock in trade is problem-solving.

# CONTINUING CRITICAL PROBLEMS

What are some of these new and continuing critical problems that will confront us ten years hence?

Certainly an adequate food supply is one. We in America haven't had to concern ourselves with food for quite some time, but it won't be long at the present rate of population increase. This entails new and better technology in our food supply in such phases as preparation, preservation, processing, transportation, and mechanization. Closely related to food is our water supply. Obtaining an adequate supply of water and the processing of waste are becoming more and more key considerations as the nation's water tables lower and the demand for home and industrial use goes up by leaps and bounds.

Another problem is our fuel supply. America is depleting its fossil and organic fuels at an uncomfortably rapid rate. Thus, the use of atomic and solar energy is becoming increasingly important—not only for peaceful pursuits but for army, navy, and the air force as well.

There will be many other problems confronting engineers ten years hence. However, the three I've mentioned will keep enough people busy to give us a representative cross-section of the types of engineers and scientists that it will take to solve them. This in turn, I hope, will suggest the kind of training that can most efficiently be provided in colleges and universities.

Before talking about the engi-

neer and his training, let's talk a moment about the change taking place in the environment in which an engineer works. Since the advent of the steam engine and the electric motor, the engineer has made great strides in lengthening man's arms-in multiplying his muscle power, so to speak. More recently, the engineer has developed phenomenal ways to control this multiplied muscle power-in effect, the engineer has greatly extended man's nervous system. And now, the engineer is multiplying man's brain power by developing the electronic computer.

#### ROLE OF ENGINEER CHANGED

As a result of this progress, the role of the engineer has changed considerably. True, he needs the same basic training, the same problem-solving approach, the same "let's use facts and not emotion" attitude. Beyond those items, the similarity quickly ends. In the good old days, an engineer tended to be sufficient unto himself. He could with a little extra study and exertion encompass most of the technology involved in his field. Today, technology is so broad and so complex that no one person can possibly know it all-thus, engineers must pool their knowledge and must learn to work as teams. This calls for adroitness with human equations, as well as with mathematical equations. The broad application of technology throughout our economy has given rise to the need for a host of technically trained people skilled in manufacturing and marketing, in addition to the traditional activities of research and product engineering.

The number of engineers has increased greatly in the last half century. In 1900, U.S. industry employed one engineer for every 250 employees. In 1950, it was one for 60, and the percentage of engineers is increasing. In my

company, for instance, the ratio is one to 14. This increase has had an appreciable impact on the social aspects of engineering. In the first place, the engineer is no longer an isolationist. He must work with, and in many instances depend upon, people of other professions. Secondly, there is no longer such a thing as a typical engineer. They vary greatly in the types of work performed, the competence used, and the personality required.

Well, what does all this mean in terms of the type of technically trained manpower that we in industry generally will seek and re-

cruit in the future?

#### TECHNICAL TYPES NEEDED

Certainly we will want many more scientists than are available today. These are the people trained in great depth—Ph.D.'s or potential Ph.D.'s in physics, chemistry, metallurgy, etc. — who through research and an inquiring approach will add to the funds of knowledge and understanding. They are the people who will help solve some of the continuing critical technical problems that currently present barriers to fundamental progress in many products.

Also increasingly in demand will be the engineer with creative ability who has a "knack" for conceiving the needs and requirements of the market place. He will need the aptitude and training to visualize a service, a system, or a new device that will increase man's efficiency or effectiveness. An allelectric kitchen, a gas-turbine electric locomotive, or a radar warning system are typical examples.

In addition, industry will continue to need engineers who can translate the requirements of the market place into plans and specifications from which products can be built. In training, aptitude, and interest, these engineers will range from the advance designer who proves feasibility to the pro-

duction engineer who knows factory practice.

Again, in increasing demand will be the technically trained person whose work is developing machines needed in the highly-mechanized mass-production factories that bring American comforts within the reach of more and more people. Although basic engineering training is the prime requisite, needed also is an understanding of the shop problems, such as scheduling, purchasing, distribution, and labor relations.

Forever present in industry is the need for the technically trained man who can lead and manage—can get things done by working with and through other people. We in G. E. once thought that the ability to manage was something that a person had or caught, like flat feet or the measles. Now we know that it can be taught and developed in the classroom like other disciplines.

Every creative engineer, whether he be in product development, manufacturing, or marketing. needs technically trained people to support and carry out his efforts. Some of these will be young engineers-in-training. The majority, however, will be technicians engineering assistants specialized supporting skills. They will be more the doer and less the conceiver, and will play an equally important part in maintaining the total economy in a sound balance; and I might add in so doing will find full satisfaction from their contributions.

I've only hit the highlights of the types of technically trained people I perceive in industry ten years hence. I hope I've left the impression that their specialties, their capabilities, their personalities, their likes and dislikes, and their training will vary greatly. Moreover, American industry will need a great many more of them than it has now, and some new types that we aren't aware of today.

#### SEVERAL COMMON ATTRIBUTES

The engineers and scientists in industry ten years hence, for all their differences, should have the following attributes in common:

- (1) They should have a good understanding of the fundamentals of science and engineering. These are foundation stones for practically any technical work. This should pose no major problem other than mass education.
- (2) They should have a working knowledge with the non-technical activities of industry that impinge upon. and in many instances support, the purely technical functions-such subjects as economics, marketing practices, and business management, to name three. Any young engineer or scientist who enters industry with the smug illusion that his particular specialty is the hub of the universe is due for a rude shock. To paraphrase Kipling for a moment, "If you can keep your head, when

- all about you men are losing theirs, then you just don't understand the problem."
- (3) They should have a good understanding and appreciation of the human factors involved in any undertak-The willingness to ing. work as part of a team; the ability to communicate clearly with others of lesser competence; the versatility to roll with the punches; the insight to recognize that other people are important and also have problems these are attributes that will amplify the efforts of the engineer and scientist again and again.

I trust my remarks indicate that the problem of determining the right courses in the years ahead won't be a simple and easy job for the colleges and universities.

If it is approached, however, with an understanding of the broad trends in the American economy as well as experience in education the resulting courses should produce people whose competence can be readily integrated and utilized by the vital industries of the future.

# Supply Officer

Second Lt. Rodney M. Hermann, Iota '55, Bay Shore, N. Y., is a member of the 582nd Transportation Company at Fort Eustis, Va.

A supply officer with the unit, Lieutenant Hermann entered the Army in November 1955.

# Attorney In Washington

Robert H. McPhillamey, California '39, has been appointed as an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. He was formerly an attorney in Buffalo, Wyoming.

## Company Clerk

Specialist Third Class Donald D. Hilbig, Iota '54 of Lockport, N. Y., is company clerk at the 32nd Surgical Hospital in Wurzburg, Germany.

Specialist Hilbig entered the Army in July 1954 and received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He arrived overseas in January 1955.

Charlie Snyder, Alpha '54, is assistant manager of the El Fenix Restaurants in Dallas, Texas. He is married, has a daughter Julie, 1 year old, and lives at 8645 Redondo Drive, Dallas 18.

## Assistant Secretary



Donald L. Stohl, assistant expansion chairman for the past four years, was named assistant secretary in charge of expansion beginning February 1. His term was fixed at four months by the Board of Directors.

His duties will be mainly to visit colleges contemplating the expansion of their fraternity system due to increased enrollments. He will also introduce KDR on campuses having local groups, with a view to establishing colonies or

new chapters.

A native of Youngwood, Pa., Don was a member of the class of 1953 at Penn State, where he was active as an officer of his chapter. His interest in expansion led to his appointment as assistant to Fred Closs in 1953. A tour of duty in the Army interrupted his work here but upon his return to Penn State to take additional courses last year he immediately became active on the expansion committee. He was a leader in sponsoring Omega Chapter at Indiana State and his only hope is that his efforts will produce more colonies for Kappa Delta Rho.

Robert O. Gibbel, Lambda '53, has finished his two year Army career and is now an engineer with Brea Chemical Co. His address is 825 South Oxford, Apt. 4, Los Angeles 5, Calif.

# National Scholarship Chairman Appointed

Announcement has been made by National President O. D. Roberts that Dr. Robert G. Crosen has been appointed National Scholarship Chairman. In that office he succeeds the national president who appointed Dr. Crosen because of pressing duties as president.

A former national president in 1953 and 1954 Brother Crosen served as scholarship chairman until his election to the presidency. His experience as scholarship chairman prompted his reappointment by the president.

An honorary member of Rho Chapter, Dean Crosen has a B.S. degree from Tarkio College in 1923, an M.A. from the University of South Dakota in 1925 and a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1933. He has served as instructor in chemistry at the University of South Dakota, instructor in chemistry at Columbia University, instructor in chemistry at Lafayette, dean of Lafayette College, and is now Dean of Faculty at Lafayette.

He is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon. He is a Mason, elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Easton and Scout Commissioner of the Delaware Valley Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is listed in numerous Who's Who, including Who's Who in America. Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in Engineering.

Richard H. Bock, Bucknell '56 and former consul of his chapter is now with the Engineer Corps of the Army in Korea. Graduating with the rank of Second Lieutenant in the ROTC, he completed the Officers' Basic Course in Engineering at Fort Belvoir, Va. and arrived in Korea in December, 1956. He was graduated with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering.

# National Chaplain Made Dean of Cathedral

The Rev. Harold F. Lemoine, Colby '32, and National Chaplain of Kappa Delta Rho, has recently been elected the ninth Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L. I. He was installed March 2nd.

Father Lemoine has been rector of St. Joseph's Church in Queen's Village, Queens, N. Y. since 1942. After graduation from General Theological Seminary in 1935 he served as an assistant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flatbush, and at the Church of the Transfiguration in Manhattan.

He was elected secretary of the diocese last May. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Church Charity Foundation and a director of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Long Island diocese. He attended the 50th anniversary convention of KDR in Middlebury last August.

#### New Coach

Owen Daugherty, Penn State '51, is the latest addition to the coaching staff at Indiana State Teachers College, home of Omega Chapter. He came from Dunmore High School, his alma mater, where he was coaching baseball and basketball.

At Dunmore High School Doc was a standout in football, basketball and track. At Penn State he was a three letter man in football and led the Nittany Lions in total yards during his junior year. He was elected Captain his senior year. He was named to the pitching staff of the NCAA District 2 All-Star team in baseball.

Doc, upon graduation, received a commission in the air force, where he served the next three years. In 1954 he returned to Dunmore High School as coach.

#### On General Council

Donald G. Stillman, Lafayette '26, and coordinatorof liberal studies at Clarkson Institute of Technology, is serving on the General Council of the American Society for Engineering Education. He was appointed in 1949 to coordinate liberal studies with the engineering curriculum at Clarkson.

# BETA ACTIVES



Beta members posed last year in front of their house with their mascot, a real Huskie from Alaska. He lost one leg in an auto accident.

# CHAPTER BRIEFS

Beta — Cornell. Rushing just concluded at Cornell and Beta pledged 16 men. This is the largest pledge class since reactivation and the pledgemaster also claims it's the best. Looks as if a wing will have to be added to the house to increase that 22 capacity.

Epsilon — Franklin College. Under the first year of the quota system at Franklin, Epsilon chapter pledged 15 men or their full quota. The quota system was instituted this past fall because (1) new men's dormitories are being built and (2) one or two fraternities were pledging more men than their house would accommodate for eating and sleeping.

Iota — Bucknell. After a moratorium last year because of deferred pledging, Iota chapter has just pledged 14 good men under the first rushing season of the new system. Unofficially, scholarship is rising too, which bodes well for the future and the possibilities of a new house on the hill.

Xi — Colby College. Xi Chapter raised more money this spring for the Campus Chest than any other fraternity on campus. Alumni chairman John Baxter has also been busy obtaining pledges and donations for the Building Fund. KDR may be the only fraternity at Colby still housed in a dormitory next year unless the fund drive raises the necessary down payment.

Omega — Indiana State Teachers College. A rushing program for the second semester has been initiated, a house committee appointed, and the chapter has begun work on a chapter office, to be located in the chapter house. Some "new" used furniture has also been purchased for the house.

Someone has divided college students into three categories:

- 1. The Go-Getter.
- 2. The Goat-Getter.
- 3. The Go-Get Her.

# **ALUMNI BRIEFS**

#### Anti-aircraft Graduate

Second Lt. Burgess P. Reed, Jr., Alpha '55, East Walpole, Mass., recently was graduated from the Army's Anti-aircraft Artillery and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, Tex.

He completed the anti-aircraft artillery officers basic course. The 12-week course included training with the radar-controlled Skysweeper gun.

Lieutenant Reed entered the Army last January.

# Platoon Leader

Second Lt. Ellsworth M. Smith, Zeta '55, Waynesboro, Pa., recently was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga. After three years in the Far East, the 3rd, nicknamed the "Rock of the Marne" division, is undergoing infantry training at the fort.

Lieutenant Smith, a platoon leader in the division's 7th Battalion, entered the Army in November 1955. He was employed by the J. I. Case Co., in Baltimore.

### Sales Director

Walter E. Flumerfelt, Cornell '23, is Director of Soybean Oil Sales for General Mills, Inc. of Minneapolis. His secret ambition: to see a complete "Who's Who in KDR." (The History Committee is compiling one now but the process is long and tedious.)

# Hanselman to Aid ConservationProgram

David Hanselman, Cornell Beta '57, has long been the pride and envy of his fraternity brothers with his feats of magic. Many times he has entertained his fraternity brothers and their guests with his legerdemain, but more than that —he has made more than 200 public appearances in upper New York state.

## Magician A la Conservation



Dave Hanselman, as he appears before his high school audiences.

This spring, Dave, a senior in the College of Agriculture, will undertake a "sell conservation with magic" program to be given to high school groups throughout the area. An undergraduate project, it is sponsored by the Conservation Department at Cornell under the advisership of Prof. G. A. Swanson.

Dave is an alumnus of the Ithaca public schools where he was an outstanding student in science. He was also a charter member of the Magicians Club and is now a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

His tour, in which he uses magic to impress on his student audiences the importance of sound conservation practices, is sponsored also by the State Conservation Council. It is aimed at supplementing the social studies and science emphasis on conservation in high school.

#### Our Error

Robert S. Notestine, of 17 Melville Road, Nixon, N. J., is an executive with Socony Mobil Oil Co., and Penn State '24, not as incorrectly stated in the "History of Kappa Delta Rho."

We apologize abjectly for any errors that may have crept into this initial attempt to organize some of the history of KDR. In the rush to get it off the press in time for the Golden Jubilee Convention we marvel that we did not commit more errors. Forgive us please.

Jeremy J. Amott, Colby '52, is associated with the firm of Amott, Baker & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange.

# Have You Changed Your Address?

Send us your new one immediately

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# Thompson, Cornell 17, Is Evacuated From Israel

by CHARLES A. THOMPSON

The author, Cornell '17, was New Jersey state leader of Extension Service at Rutgers School of Agriculture before being assigned to the Mideast. His comments: "Only because Don Wolfe requested it would I be presumptive enough to write about some of my recent experiences in Israel." Typical KDR modesty.

Early in 1955, I was induced to accept an assignment in the foreign service and go to Israel to advise that country's Government on the organization of an Agriculture Extension Service. Finally. June 7th arrived and I took off on that long flight across the Atlantic expecting to be at my destination the next evening but this was not to be for about 200 miles off the coast of Scotland one of the motors caught fire. Fortunately, we landed O.K. but that ocean below looked very cold and wet in anticipation that we might land in it. Because of the delay landing, connections fowled up and I finally arrived in Israel 5 days late.

It was a peculiar feeling to land in a foreign country at 3 o'clock in the morning—unknown and unable to speak the language. It was like a song in my ears, when I heard a voice say: "Are you Mr. Thompson?" There was someone from the American Embassy! . . . I shall never forget that welcome.

Israel is an interesting country—approximately the size of New Jersey. I had to change many of my pre-arrival ideas of the general typography and physical characteristics of the country. Instead of it being a sandy-desert and rather-level country, I found it quite different as I travelled "from

Dan to Beersheba" and from the Mediterranean to Jerusalem through the Judean Hills.

The northern and eastern parts are quite mountainous, gradually descending to the south and west to the Negev and Mediterranean. However, the southern Negev is very rugged. In the course of a very short travel distance, I had the experience of going from a 3,000 foot elevation to Lake Tiberius, which is about 700 feet below sea-level.

Of course, the most important part of any country is its people. In 1948, at the time the State of Israel was founded, the population numbered approximately 700,-000 and now, I am told, the population is approaching 2,000,000. No. the birth-rate has not increased that fast! The increase is from the migration of Jews from 60 or more countries. They settled in cities and villages throughout the length and breadth of the land where many are engaged in agriculture. Most of these new settlers are almost totally unfamiliar with farming. On the otherhand, on the older established farms some very good and modern agriculture is practiced on excellent soil.

Well, this is where I came in! My job was that of advising the Government how to establish an Extension Service that would teach farmers how to develop their agriculture and improve the level of productivity. Water is probably the most limiting factor. However, even in the Negev, when water is applied, it bursts forth into a veritable garden spot. It never rains, except during the winter months, so practically all pro-

duction depends on irrigation.

If you can visualize farming practices of Biblical times, such as: plowing with a wooden stick or threshing of grain by the tramping of donkeys, camels or oxen and if you contrast these practices with most modern methods of the United States, such as the grain combines of the middle west, you will have some idea of the range in the types of farming done in Israel. I frequently found myself saying: "This is certainly a place of contrasts" and it can be applied to nearly every phase of the social and economic life - even to transportation - from the camel caravans to the modern truck.

Of course, historically, this part of the world is rich in interest. One feels that time runs both ways — backward to the beginning of history and forward to newer and greater development. One has only to visit some of the excavations where ruins of 26 eras of civilization have been uncovered — one ruin on top of another — to be filled with wonder as to how far back is the beginning of history.

O well, enough of this, except to say that we were making considerable progress with the job when—

On the last day of October after an all day trip with my counterpart from the Government, I returned to the office late in the afternoon and was instructed to hurry home and pack a 40 pound suit case for we were being evacuated that night at 6 o'clock. It will suffice to say that women and children were sent out first and Mrs. Thompson was sent off to Munich, Germany. Others were sent to Athens. About 4 o'clock the next morning, after we had waited all night at the airport 3 "globe-masters" came in to take the men out. I thought the airport would be swallowed when the planes opened their "gapping mouths"! My, they are big. Off we went to Athens and, after a day and night there, we were loaded into "flying boxcars" and on to Rome. At the time, to say the least, it was an exciting experience — accompanied by a sinking feeling — wondering where we were going and if we would ever see our furniture, car and personal belongings again!

Mrs. Thompson spent an unhappy week wondering where her "betterhalf" was but she was finally flown down to Rome to join me and here we are waiting for further orders.

It is rather paradoxical that we were evacuated, because of war, from the area where the "Prince of Peace" preached the doctrine of brotherly love.

# TRANSFERRED TO BOSTON

Ferd B. Ensinger, former executive secretary of the national office from 1946 to 1951 has been transferred from the home office of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company at Milwaukee to the Boston, Mass., office beginning July 1st., 1956.

At Milwaukee, Ferd was responsible for the development of the company's college relations program in eastern schools. His activities in the Boston agency will be largely devoted to the selection and training of career Life Insurance men.

Brother Ensinger, Alpha '45, has lectured extensively before life insurance agencies, agency building clinics and university g r o u p s throughout the East and Midwest. Active in church and community affairs he appears in the 14th edition of "Who's Who in the East."

Second Lieutenant Paul W. Muckenfuss, Indiana '56 of South Bend, Ind., recently completed the officers basic course at the Army's Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile School, Fort Bliss, Tex.

The 14-week course included training with the radar-controlled Skysweeper gun.

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Patrick F. Craven, Epsilon '52, expects to graduate from dental school at Indiana U. on June 10th. He is now living at 554 Winona Village, Indianapolis 2. Expects to put his shingle in his home town, South Bend.

# Manager of Marketing

Turner A. Moncure, Lambda '26, was recently made Manager of the Marketing Service Department of Shell Chemical Company, at the Head Office in New York City. His home address is No. 1, Beechwood Lane, Scarsdale, N. Y.

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Jim Miller, Epsilon Sheik, was one of four candidates for king of the Mardi Gras on the Franklin campus

Consul Jim Kowalski of Epsilon Chapter, Franklin College, was one of the first 32 Hoosier National Guardsmen who received commissions in the first class of the newly formed Indiana Military Academy in the War Memorial Auditorium in Indianapolis in December. Jim's weekends for a whole year were spent in training for the commission

Advisor John F. Schrodt, Jr., of Franklin Epsilon Chapter took an active part in the 35th anniversary celebration of the Indiana High School Press Association. John, a graduate of I. U. is executive secretary.

This year's Christmas project for members of Epsilon Franklin Chapter was outfitting two Franklin children and giving them a Christmas party on the occasion.

The two children, a pre-school age boy and girl were decked out completely in new winter apparel as part of a National Clothe-a-Child campaign.

Afterward they went to the annual KDR Christmas dinner in the house on Jefferson Ave. After dinner they found gifts under the Christmas tree in the living room. The party ended with carol singing by the entire house.

Jim Kowalski, consul, had this to say, "KDR is proud to play this small part in trying to raise the Christmas spirit that is so badly needed in the world today."

# Chapter Ratal

A son, Richard David was born to Lester G. (Zeta '47) and Dorothy Stine on December 22, 1956 at Trenton, N. J. Their new address is 20 Woodhampton Drive, Trenton 8.

# Chapter Eternal



# Lloyd C. Dahmen Pi '23

Lloyd C. Dahmen, Gettysburg '23, died on October 14, 1956 of a coronary thrombosis at his home in Olean, N. Y., at the age of 56.

Brother Dahmen was admitted to the N.Y. state bar in 1926 and practiced law in Jamestown, N. Y. until 1929 when he organized the Daystrom Corporation. His company later became one of the leading manufacturers of chrome tubular furniture. It was sold in 1945 to American Type Founders Inc. In 1946 Brother Dahmen purchased the Viking Artline Corp. in Eldred, Pa. and in 1953 added Viko Furniture Corp., producing living room, dining-room and kitchen furniture.

He traveled extensively in Europe and the East and spoke on foreign affairs before many groups throughout the United States. He was a licensed pilot and a long-

time flying enthusiast.

Besides being chairman of the board of his own companies he also served as president of Carolina Daco Corp., director of T. Baumritter Co., Inc., director of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce, director of Exchange National Bank, director of committee on Economic Development and director of the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey.

He was also a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, a Mason, a Kiwanian and a member of the Svithiod Club of Chicago. He maintained residences in Olean, N. Y., Southern Pines, N. C. and San Remo,

Italy.

His wife, the former Gladys Jefferson and four children survive.

# Ronald Gene Gordon Theta '58

Ronald G. Gordon, Purdue '58, died on January 21, 1957 of an apparent heart attack. He left his home in Lafayette to take out the car to go to class; a short time later, his mother, realizing she had not heard the car leave the driveway, found him slumped over the wheel dead. He had not had time to start the car.

A graduate of Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Ind., he was initiated on November 16, 1955. He had just been elected an officer of his chapter. He attended the 1956 Convention at Middlebury as alternate delegate of his chapter.

He was buried in Lafayette, Ind. on Jan. 24, 1957 with members of his chapter attending and acting as pallbearers. Alumni representatives also attended.

# Dr. Paul Markel Pi '13

Word has just been received that Paul Markel, Ph.D., Gettysburg '13, died on October 17, 1953. His wife, the former Jane Routh, survives. Brother Markel was a member of Theta Pi local.

# Robert S. English Alpha X'18

Robert S. English, Middlebury X'18, is reported deceased in July 1949. He had been employed by the DuPont Co. before retiring to Collingswood, N. J.

# William L. Bristow Lambda '50

William L. Bristow, California '50, was killed leading his squadron on routine flight in California, August 22, 1955.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Brother Bristow graduated from Berry High School in February 1946. He is buried in National Memorial Cemetery, San Francisco.

# Charles M. Coffin Kappa '25

Professor Charles M. Coffin, Ohio State '25, head of the English department at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, died at his home on July 20, 1956.

Brother Coffin was initiated into Kappa chapter on October 22, 1923. Born in Harrod, Ohio, he graduated from Wayne High School, Waynesfield, Ohio, in 1921 and Ohio State in 1925 with an A.B. degree. He joined the faculty of Kenyon College in the English department and subsequently became its head.

#### FRANK R. BRUCE

#### Gamma '21

Frank R. Bruce, Gamma '21, died on June 23, 1956 at his home in New York City.

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