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ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

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HERE AND THERE WITH OUR GRAND BASILEUS

Dear Dreer:

During the past four weeks I have visited Chapters at Va. Union University, Richmond, West Virginia State College, Louisville, Knoxville. I also plan to attend the Virginia State Conference at Lynchburg the coming week-end and the North Carolina State Conference at Raleigh, May 24.

At each Chapter visited I found a most wholesome Omega Spirit.

Fraternally yours,

OXLEY.

COMMENTS UPON OUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE ORACLE

Dear Brother Dreer:

I have just received my copy of the Oracle and hasten to send this letter of congratulation on the splendid content and make-up of your initial publication.

The whole character of the issue assures the Fraternity of the continued high standard set by Brother Dodson, which means that we still enjoy the distinction of having the best organ of a Fraternity or Sorority in our group—and a publication which compares favorably with the best publications in the field.

Fraternally yours,

LAWRENCE A. OXLEY,

Grand Basileus.

Dear Brother Dreer:

You had a very fine issue of the Oracle. Congratulations!

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM E. BAUGH,

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Dear Brother Dreer:

I have been admiring the Oracle since its arrival. Congratulations, it is a very fine issue. More power to you!

Fraternally yours,

J. A. WEISEGER,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Dear Brother Dreer:

Congratulations on the recent issue of the Oracle. I am sure that with this auspicious beginning we shall have reason to suppose that progressively our official organ will become more and more the handbook of Omega technique and philosophy.

Very truly yours,

JESSE O. THOMAS,

Grand Marshal.

Dear Brother Dreer:

I want to congratulate you on that splendid first issue of the Oracle. It was especially good when one takes into consideration the delay in getting equipment shipped to you. The editorial, "S. Malcolm Dodson," was very good. I certainly appreciate the fine things you said about me. I like your short-story very much. It contained a message I needed at the time I read it.

Fraternally yours,

S. MALCOLM DODSON,

(Former Editor of the Oracle.)

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE ORACLE

There will also appear the following articles:

"The Achievement of the Negro College Man in the Field of Law" by Matthew W. Bullock, Ex-Grand Basileus.

"An Analysis of the Case of the Negro Battling to Vote in the Democratic Texas Primary" by J. Alston Atkins,

Ex-Grand Basileus.

"The Achievement of the Negro College Man in the Field of Religion" by Benjamin E. Mays.

Brother Bullock, a member of the Massachusetts Board of Parole, has served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts. Brother Atkins argued the Texas Primary Case before the United States Supreme Court. Brother Mays is Dean of the Howard University School of Religion.



EDITORIALS

RODSON

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE OF 1935

COLLEGE Graduate of 1935, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity salutes you! We congratulate you upon your achievement. We wish you success.

Despite the differential in wages, North and South, notwithstanding the unemployment of many parents and the poverty that crushes, you have reached this stage of your progress.

Thanks to the pioneers, long dead, thanks to the initiative and faith of your mothers and fathers, thanks to your own vision and perseverance, you are acclaimed a scholar and leader this day.

Philanthropy, governments, city, state, and national, have helped. Churches likewise have aided your achievement. May you by loyal service through the years express your gratitude for the assistance of these institutions!

Your training has made you a leader. Take your place and lead on. Lead us out of chaos. Lead us from bigotry. Lead us from prejudice. Lead us from poverty. Lead us into higher realms of self-respect, of business enterprise, into inter-racial goodwill, into the eternity of the brotherhood of man.

KNOWLEDGE IS AN ASSET; IGNORANCE, A LIABILITY.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGRO COLLEGE MEN

THE college man of today must become a pioneer. Here is a chance only for the brave. He must be willing to do humble, rough work, starting at the bottom.

He may become a scientific farmer and establish canneries and factories adjacent to his farm. He may enter business as a merchant and buy from our farmers.

He must remember Liberia, Haiti, and all Latin America.

He may become an inventor like Edison and turn his inventions over to industry as a means of putting his people to work.

He may become a publisher of Negro books, especially of cheap editions that would sell for 10c, 15c, and 25c at the most.

Finally, he may establish the kinds of schools that fit our people into this changing world; schools of business administration from the point of view of the Negro's resources and schools of technology as a basis for industrial discovery, invention, and manufacturing. Thus he will lay a foundation for solving our unemployment. This is the challenge. College man, answer.

SOCIAL TRENDS IN NEGRO LIFE AS REVEALED BY THE ASPIRATION OF NEGRO YOUTH

THE few facts presented in the article "A Glimpse at the Negro in College in 1934-1935" will show some interesting facts concerning social trends in Negro life as revealed by the aspirations of our youth. Though by no means exhaustive, as a random sampling, they are sufficient at least to show some tendencies.

Of the 968 graduates here listed, 501 aspire to teach, 30 seek social work (three of these, places of social administration), 25 seek pastorates, 350 aspire to the practical fields: business administration, 35; agriculture, 35 (two of these are girls); mechanical arts, 21; science, 151 (most of these may drift into teaching instead of into creative industry); home economics, 49; journalism, 1.

Consider the above facts in view of the following: In the United States, according to Figure 11—Comparison of Opportunities with Vocational Ambitions, of Dr. W. M. Proctor on page 228 of L. Hollingsworth's "The Psychology of the Adolescent," there are 4.9% of the workers in the U. S. in the Professions; 14.5% in business and clerical positions; 28% in industry; and 33% in agriculture.

According to the Agriculture Census for 1925, the Negro population is divided thus: farm population, 48.9%; village population, 17.2%, and urban population, 33.9%. As a village is regarded as a rural community with less than 2,500 people, it is plainly seen that more than 50% of our people live on farms, yet we are training less than one per cent of those going to college to become scientific farmers.

Despite this, there is this consolation that more of our young people see that we must become creative and have turned to business, industry, and technology. May this trend become a tidal wave!

A GLIMPSE AT THE NEGRO IN COLLEGE 1934-1935

The following facts result from inquiries made of one hundred institutions in various sections of our Nation.

Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, and New York University regretted that they could not give the desired information; but suggested a way that we might obtain it. However, it is too late for us to follow the procedure outlined.

We ourselves are disappointed in not receiving the information requested of Howard and Fisk. However, it is interesting to peruse what we have.

The Negroes are enrolled in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penn., University of Denver, the University of Akron, Ohio, we have in these institutions none who are candidates for degrees in June or August of 1935.

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| University of Maine, Orono, Maine; | |
| A. B. | 1 (A Young Lady) |

| | |
|---|----------------|
| University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb..... | 4 |
| William G. Pegg—B. S. Bus. Adm. | |
| Marion E. Watkins—B. S. Educ. | |
| Bachelor of Arts | |
| Ralph W. Adams | Primus C. Wade |

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Ohio University, Athens, Ohio..... | 2 |
|------------------------------------|---|

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| Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio..... | 27 |
| Master of Arts | |
| Maceo Hill | Thomas A. Mumford |
| Amos J. White | Mamie L. Winbush |
| Bachelor of Arts | |
| Lois A. Galloway | Dorothy D. Harper |
| Henry A. Long | Hubert N. Robinson |
| Clifford Valentine | Viola L. Winston |

Bachelor of Laws

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Harry E. Bonaparte | Wilbur T. Bruce |
| Bachelor of Science in Education | |
| Chas. D. Allen | Marcus L. Anderson |
| Mary E. Cooper | Hilda R. Jenkins |
| Charles J. Thomas | Clifford L. Ward |
| Rosalind L. Willis | Lucian C. Wright |

Mae E. Murphy, B. S. in Journalism

John W. Newsome, B. S. in Bus. Adm.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Catherine Claughton, Lexington, Ky.

Lamar H. Jones, Bedford, Ohio

Mary E. Ransom, B. S. in Social Adm.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal. 2
 Frances L. Fairs, A. B. Iva Washington, B. S. Educ.

Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass. 3
 Leonard W. Johnson—Master of Phys. Educ.
 Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
 Kenneth A. Morris Roland M. Sawyer

Union Theological Seminary, New York

Bachelor of Divinity 2
 University of Wisconsin, Madison 3
 LL.B. 1 M.A. 1 M.Ph. 1

OMEGA STATISTICS

GRADUATE CHAPTERS
ACTIVITY

Brothers within Jurisdiction of Chapter

| Chapter and Location | Active (paying) | Inactive | Detached | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Gamma Omega | | | | |
| Lynchburg, Va. | 24 | 5 | 1 | 29 |
| Zeta Omega | | | | |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 29 | 5 | 3 | 37 |
| Theta Omega | | | | |
| Louisville, Ky. | 13 | 13 | 0 | 26 |
| Pi Omega | | | | |
| Baltimore, Md. | 28 | 19 | 7 | 47 |
| Upsilon Omega | | | | |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 32 | 6 | 2 | 40 |
| Chi Omega | | | | |
| Tallahassee, Fla. | 10 | 9 | 0 | 19 |
| Nu Phi | | | | |
| Houston, Tex. | 29 | 15 | 0 | 44 |
| Delta Alpha | | | | |
| Dayton, Ohio | 20 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| Zeta Alpha | | | | |
| Henderson, N. C. | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 |

OCCUPATIONS OF BROTHERS

| Chapters | Ministers | Teachers | Lawyers | Dentists | Physicians | Business Proprietors |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| | | E. U. | | | | |
| Gamma Omega ... | 2 | 19 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| Zeta Omega | | | 4 | 2 | 6 | |
| Theta Omega | | 8 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Pi Omega | 3 | 18 0 | 6 | | 7 | 1 |
| Upsilon Omega ... | 4 | 12 0 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Chi Omega | 1 | 12 0 | | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Nu Phi | 1 | 16 0 | 1 | | 4 | 2 |
| Delta Alpha | 2 | 6 0 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Zeta Alpha | 1 | 6 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 14 | 97 6 | 19 | 12 | 33 | 5 |

U—Unemployed. E—Employed.

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 of THE ORACLE
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| | Federal Employees | City Employees | Hotel & Station Porter | Business Employees | Social Work | Students |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| Gamma Omega | 2 | | | | | |
| Zeta Omega | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Theta Omega | | | | 2 | | |
| Pi Omega | | | | 3 | | |
| Upsilon Omega | | 3 | | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Chi Omega | | | | 1 | | |
| Nu Phi | | | | | 1 | |
| Delta Alpha | | | | 4 | | |

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

| Chapter | No. Brothers In Jurisdiction | No. in Pledge Club | No. to remain after June, 1935 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Psi Psi | | | |
| Frankfort, Ky. | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| Theta, Wiley College | | | |
| Marshall, Texas .. | 60 | 25 | 8 |

PLANS OF OMEGA MEN GRADUATING IN JUNE, 1935
To Study in Professional Schools

| Chapter | Education | Medicine | Pharmacy | Dentistry | Social Work |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Psi Psi | 1 | | | | |
| Theta | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chapter | To Study in a Trade School | To Study in Mixed School | Colored School | | |
| Psi Psi | 1 | | 2 | | |
| Theta | | 1 | | | |

THOSE GOING AT ONCE TO WORK
OCCUPATION TO PURSUE

| Chapter | Teaching City | Rural | Insurance | Commodity Salesman | Work not Specified | Employers White | Colored |
|-----------|---------------|-------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Theta ... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 |

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OUTSTANDING GRADUATES
OF JUNE, 1935
AND LEADERS IN OMEGA

W. A. BANNER
 Nu Chapter
 State College, Penn.



CURTIS C. MABRY
 Mus Psi Chapter
 A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.



OPPORTUNITIES LIBERIA OFFERS NEGRO COLLEGE YOUTH

By E. J. YANCY
Son of a Former Vice-President of Liberia

THE general economic, social, industrial, political and unemployment conditions of the world have made "After College What?" a live topic of fleeting popularity among the college youth of the world.

The Negro College Youth, unfortunately, finds his problem much different from that of the white college youth. The contributing factors of the difference are too well known, hence need not further mentioning. However, it would not be over-emphasizing the point by stating that the Negro College Youth's problem is a grave one and needs concentrated action and trained leadership to tackle its solution.

Secretary Henry A. Wallace writes in his "New Frontiers:"

"Today, more and more of our people (speaking of white America) are again immigrating to a new world. But this new world I am talking about cannot be found on the maps. The pioneers to settle this new world do not cross the ocean. Some people call this new world a state of mind."

Unlike the white college youth the Negro College Youth can find his new world on a map, the map being that of Africa. Truly, however, to enter this new world calls for an adventurous spirit, a mental and physical equipment, and determination. Nevertheless, the land is rich and full of compensation.

This country is Liberia, the Negro Republic on the West Coast of Africa, about 6 degrees above the equator. There, to the Negro College Youth, are offered opportunities, prospects, possibilities, and advantages that are denied him elsewhere.

The first and greatest of all of these opportunities is that of service, service to two and a half million Negroes under a Negro government, occupying a spot of land of about 45,000 square miles. In the words of the poet:

"Honor and shame
From no condition rise,
Act well your part;
For there all the honor lies."

Since Liberia is a Negro Republic and Article V, Section 13 of the Liberian Constitution states that "The great object of forming these colonies, being to provide a home for the dispersed and oppressed children of Africa, and to regenerate and enlighten this benighted continent, none but persons of color shall be admitted to citizenship in this Republic," and because Section 12, of the same article states that "No person shall be entitled to hold real estate in this Republic unless he be a citizen of the same," Liberia offers the Negro College Youth citizenship and all immunities thereof.

Liberia offers the Negro College Youth unlimited business opportunities. The business is there, but who gets it? The white merchants. To illustrate: during a four-year period the white merchants sold to the Liberians \$4,000,000.00 worth of food, and household goods, aside from those produced there, excluding automobiles, gas and all sorts of the luxuries. Here the Negro College Youth has the opportunity to put the Liberian Coffee, Cocoa, Palm Oil, Rubber, Ginger, and other products on the world market. He also has the opportunity to put these products on a modern basis through his agricultural and scientific knowledge.

The Negro College Youth has the opportunity of serving as health and sanitary advisors to the Republic, physicians in the government hospital and in the whole country, thereby replacing the white physicians who are now enjoying such practices. Likewise can the dentist enjoy the same.

Liberia offers the Negro College Youth the opportunity of becoming an INTERNATIONAL BANKER, IMPORTER, EXPORTER, the PRESIDENT of a NATION and MINISTER to the COURT of ST. JAMES, WASHINGTON, GENEVA, FRANCE and GERMANY.

It would take a volume to set forth in detailed manner all the opportunities Liberia offers Negro College Youth. Hence it would be useless to attempt it here.

To summarize, it is well that it be stated that there are wonderful opportunities in Liberia for the Negro College Youth in every field of endeavor. There he has the opportunities in the field of Religion, Politics, Business, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Manufacturing, Engineering, Agriculture, Banking, Teaching, and in other occupations.

In the words of Mr. Schuyler of the Pittsburgh Courier: "I am more and more convinced that American Negroes should do something about Liberia. Here is a country as large as Kentucky, in which almost anything can be raised by intelligent agriculture. There is gold, iron, and diamonds in the waste. Rivers could be made navigable by a bit of blasting or dredging traverse the country at intervals of forty or fifty miles, sometimes less. Cattle and horses thrive on the plains up-country, while sheep, goats, and chickens are a drug on the native market. Swine, I am sure, would flourish as well as they do in such tropical countries as Venezuela. The fish almost leap out of the water at you.

"There is an undeveloped paradise waiting for American Negroes who are technically equipped, courageous, industrious, and thrifty, to go over and take. If we do not take it, I am quite confident that the white folks will sooner or later."

Finally, Liberia offers the Negro College Youth a challenge. A challenge to prove himself a man, courageous, resourceful, industrious, useful and ambitious. A challenge to preserve for the race a Republic of the first order and thereby prove the honesty, confidence, respect, true leadership, and co-operation of the race; and convince "all who despise, ridicule, and oppress us

that we possess with them a common nature; are with them susceptible of equal refinement, and capable of equal advancement in all that adorns and dignifies man."

NEGRO COLLEGE YOUTH, HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY! Herein lies the CHALLENGE! IF LIBERIA FAILS, YOU WILL HAVE FAILED!

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND UNDERPRIVILEGED BOYS

By S. C. COLEMAN
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MORE than 1,000,000 Negro boys and girls are included among the 5,000,000 youths between the ages of 16 and 25 who are out of school, unmarried and unemployed. These idle youths who are the possessors of able bodies and average intellects have little or no hopes for employment or funds to further their education. Every temptation conceivable is before them as they attempt to utilize idle hours and days. Educators, social welfare authorities and juvenile experts are loudly warning that continued idleness will eventually stagnate these young people emotionally, causing them finally to become wards of society.

Thousands of Negro boys who once began the march towards the realization of educational and vocational aspirations are today branded as "underprivileged" by the system which standardized the process under which they began their training.

There are few college graduates who haven't witnessed in some degree the process of stagnation among youths in their immediate communities. The majority of these graduates, no doubt, failed to realize that these youths were representatives of 1,000,000 young people of their race who are daily undergoing various stages of mental and physical deterioration throughout the land. In journals and newspapers we read of unemployed college graduates. But what about the underprivileged boys who were forced out of classrooms with their education incomplete? What are college graduates who are gainfully employed doing to aid these youths?

Brother R. E. Cureton in the ORACLE, Sept., 1934, issue, in writing of the young college men commented that they did not exercise their franchise rights because they did not have time and did not give any thought to voting. I am indicting them for their utter indifference to the welfare of idle young men of high school and vocational school ages who are in dire need of

counseling and guidance during these perilous days of doubt and despair. Parasitic events, however, still attract the attention and participation of college graduates. The fact that Rome burned while Nero fiddled never registered during the collegiate classroom days, it seems.

We who have been privileged to acquire college educations will be compelled to aid in guiding our youth into the right paths of various work pursuits sooner or later, independent of established agencies for education and relief. In the plan of U. S. Commissioner of Education Studebaker, I feel, is food for thought in aiding "underprivileged boys." The commissioner proposes that the Government set aside \$7,000,000 for the creation of 10,000 "open forums" throughout the United States in order to provide for the discussion of economic, social and political problems among citizens.

I am advocating the enlistment of college trained men in a campaign for the establishment of counseling and guidance forums in every community for the benefit of boys who need the sane and practical advice and aid of experienced men who have an interest in our youth otherwise from the standpoint of holding white collar positions.

The complaint is frequently heard that white collar relief and social welfare workers are not primarily interested in the service they can do or in the advice that they can give but only in the compensation given for time spent. I can think of no better service Omega brothers can perform for our race than in the establishment of community forums for economic, educational and social readjustment. These forums should be planned on a permanent basis for weekly or semi-monthly counseling and guidance of boys who seek the aid of their enlightened elders.

NEGRO COLLEGE GRADUATES IN MASSACHUSETTS

By EVERETT C. YATES, Sub-Master Boston Latin School

OF THE fifty thousand Negroes in Massachusetts between two hundred and twenty-five and two hundred and fifty are graduates of some college or professional school of the United States. These graduates now residing in the state represent a number of white and Negro colleges as shown in Table II of this article. The ratio of five to one thousand about tells the story of those men and women of the Negro population in the state who have had the advantage of completing an education beyond the high school.

These privileged men and women are located in or nearby cities of the state. A little over fifty per cent reside and find employment in Boston. Cambridge, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, Lynn, and other cities and towns account for the rest.

About eighty-five per cent of these graduates are suitably employed or are following the work for which they made preparation. The remaining fifteen per cent include those not suitably employed, unemployed, and married women. Of the eighty-five per cent, the field of medicine is most attractive. At the present time forty-seven graduates are engaged in the practice of medicine. Two of that number are nationally known specialists in their field, and are connected with two of the leading universities in this country.

The fields of dentistry, law, and the ministry have attracted a large number of our graduates; as a result there seems to be some over-crowding, especially in the first two fields, in the eastern part of the state. In the field of law Massachusetts has had an Asst. Attorney

General and two special Assistant U. S. District Attorneys. Our own former Grand Basileus, Bro. Bullock, now member of the Parole Board of the State, was a special assistant in the Attorney General's Dept. of the State.

The fields of Social Service and education are offering the largest opportunities to our women graduates in the state. A notable exception is that in the field of education where there are two men actively engaged in teaching. One in Worcester and the other in Boston. Your humble servant who has gathered the information for this article is the Boston teacher referred to, and holds the rank in the public school system of Assistant Principal.

In the other fields of employment in Table I, with the exceptions of Postal Service and Civil Service, which will be spoken of later, it is quite apparent that these are not popular fields of endeavor. Engineering and chemistry are fields where opportunity for employment is not too common, and consequently the number of aspirants in such fields are few.

It is rather interesting to note that college men employed in the postal service, particularly in Boston, began

TABLE I
FIELDS OF NEGRO ACTIVITY

| | No. Employed |
|--|-----------------|
| Medicine | 47 |
| Dentistry | 27 |
| Pharmacy | 12 |
| Law | 26 |
| Social Service | 12 |
| Education | 33 |
| College | 11 |
| Normal Schools | 22 |
| Ministry | 23 |
| Engineering | 8 |
| Chemistry | 7 |
| Postal Service | 6 |
| Juvenile Court | 1 |
| Civil Service (City & State Dept.) | 11 |
| Miscellaneous | 5 |

that service as a stepping stone, or means to an end; but in practically every case it has been the end itself.

Men holding city and state positions, under civil service, are employed in various capacities such as assessors, tax collectors, clerks, etc.

Boston has one college graduate in the position of clerk of the Juvenile Court. This position since its establishment has been held by a colored man. It also has one graduate in the State Administration holding the position of executive secretary to the governor's council.

Table II showing the distribution of the places of training is interesting in that quite as many southern colleges are represented as northern colleges. However, the number graduated from southern colleges is only about thirty per cent of the total. Thus it may be seen that the majority of the graduates employed in the state are products of schools in the state or at least of New England. This is significant in that it shows that many of our graduates are being absorbed in the vicinity of the colleges of their choice, and in many cases their home town.

TABLE II
COLLEGES REPRESENTED
Including Professional Schools

| WHITE | NEGRO |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Harvard | Lincoln |
| Yale | Howard |
| Mass. Inst. Technology | Clafin |
| Boston University | Virginia Union |
| Tufts College | Meharry |
| Boston College | Wilberforce |
| Simmons | Fisk |
| Radcliff | John C. Smith |
| Dartmouth | West Virginia |
| Michigan State | Shaw |
| Mass. College Pharmacy | Haines |
| Pennsylvania | A. & T. Greensboro |
| Suffolk Law | St. Augustine |
| Bates | Talladega |
| Boston Teachers College | |

OUR FRATERNITY AND ITS PROGRAM, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Upsilon Omega, St. Louis, Mo.

FRATERNITIES MUST UNDERGO A CRITICAL EVALUATION

IN THIS day of insecurity, maladjustment, and dissatisfaction with the STATUS QUO, when all human institutions are the objects of criticisms and modifications to meet the changed conditions of the world, it would be quite miraculous if organizations like college fraternities escaped. Therefore, members of fraternities might just as well prepare to receive their share of criticism gracefully. This is no time for writhing and squirming like helpless worms. Members of fraternities must learn to take criticism for what it is worth. This is the time for a careful re-evaluation of fraternal principles, programs, and activities. Now is the time to ascertain whether or not our fraternal principles are sound, whether or not they are geared to a satisfactory program of activities, and whether or not the activities suggested by our principles and programs are being carried out to the extent that any impartial observer has a right to expect. This is the time when every person who is identified with a fraternal group should want to know what justification, if any, is there for such ebullitions as:

- (1) "Fraternities and sororities are organizations of pseudo-intellectuals who have lost the common touch."
- (2) "Fraternities and sororities are spending hundreds of dollars annually in an effort to outdo each other in social display while worthy causes go begging."
- (3) "Many fraternities and sororities have no higher ambitions than to be human pin cushions."

We cannot afford to turn deaf ears to such indictments. A changeless fraternity in a changing world would be an anachronism.

OMEGA STRIVES TO SEE HERSELF AS SHE IS

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has already begun to put herself under the microscope. Instead of scheduling the customary closed DANCE at which the delegates to her twenty-second conclave might enjoy the enchanting strains of music while they held wife or sweetheart in arms, the management arranged a CLOSED BANQUET for the express purpose of discussing "Next Steps in Fraternal Development." The men were invited and challenged to express freely and fearlessly their views concerning the principles, program, and activities of their fraternity. The idea in the minds of those

staging such a session was to lay the basis for a clarification and reintegration, and if necessary, a redirection of the whole fraternity program.

THE DEPARTURE A GRAND SUCCESS

If the success of the venture is to be judged by expressions which have come to the Ex-Grand Marshal about it, the project must have possessed considerable merit. Herman Dreer, Editor-in-Chief of the Oracle, writing of this feature of the 22nd conclave in "Omega Bulletin," January, 1935, has this to say: "Saturday evening at the Y. M. C. A. the local chapter gave a formal banquet at which Omega Examined Herself. This was one of the most important of our assemblies." In a letter dated January 25, 1935, Wm. E. Baugh, Vice-Grand Basileus, said, "I was much impressed with both the Sunday Public Meeting and the Closed Banquet on Saturday night. An opportunity for the free expression of views was very timely and I believe productive of much good . . ." Many other comments on the value of staging the special session for self-examination and self-criticism similar to the two quoted have been received. The fact that not one of the members present raised any objections to staging a program of this sort is encouraging. It suggests that the men of this fraternity are ready to consider next steps in the development of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In just such readiness for self-examination and self-criticism as the delegates of the 22nd conclave exhibited, lies the prospect for a new Omega—not an Omega of new principles, but an Omega of clarified objectives, and a program of activities specified and approved.

PAST PROGRAMS LAUDABLE, BUT FORGOTTEN OR HALTINGLY EXECUTED

Not all of the membership of this great fraternity is aware of what the fraternity stands for and hopes to accomplish. This state of affairs probably is the result of several causes. One of them seems to inhere in the fact that the **Founders** of Omega have not kept in as close contact with the organization as the membership had a right to expect them to do. Deprived of the counsel and integrating influences of the **Founders**, the organization has lost a most important cohesive force. Their derelictions have been due probably to the fact that Omega was still in her swaddling clothes when her founders became involved in the Great War.

These men, however, must be credited with giving this fraternity a set of principles known as cardinal virtues which are universal and eternal in value. The cardinal virtues of Omega—Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverence, Uplift—when understood are the bedrocks upon which to build an entirely acceptable super-structure. Or to change the figure, these virtues are the refining fire in which any member, chapter, supreme council, or conclave, might test the genuineness of any program they feel called upon to offer.

A second reason why the sons of Omega have had to ask what Omega's program is, if one she has, seems to the writer to be tied up with the fact that conclaves have added new programs of activities and stressed them to the detriment of others. Whether this has been due mainly to the discovery of conditions needing immediate attention or to some defect in administrative technique, is difficult to assert, nevertheless, it seems worthwhile to review the various projects that conclaves have approved and promulgated.

The earliest project attempted by the fraternity was connected with the study of Negro life and history. The writer, in company with Garnet C. Wilkinson, Carter G. Woodson, and a group of other brothers at the second Alpha fraternity house on "T" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., suggested that Omega's program be built around Negro History. The proposal was accepted and in due course of time became the major emphasis of the fraternity, first as Negro History Week and later as the well-known Negro Achievement Project.

The project under its earlier caption grew out of the high regard which Alpha Chapter had for a distinguished brother, Carter G. Woodson, who at the time had already made significant contributions to Negro History. The change to the later caption seems to have been made out of deference to the same person. This project has withstood all of the vicissitudes of the fraternity.

Other fraternal projects have been launched. Under the administration of Matthew W. Bullock the fraternity maintained an Intelligence and Placement Department for its personnel. Earlier, under past Vice-Grand Basileus McClain, definite personnel records were kept at the administrative headquarters of the fraternity. From this early step it became the duty of the Vice-Grand Basileus to keep the personnel informed of vocational and professional positions for which qualified Omega men might apply and be recommended. Furthermore, releases came from the grand officer in charge of personnel to inform Omega men of the needs in the various professions.

While it is true that the depression has swollen the lists of the unemployed and has made professions of all sorts less lucrative, there seems to be no good reason for abandoning the activities of Omega's personnel department. In fact, the depression has created certain new fields of work for which Omega men should have been able to look to Omega's Intelligence and Placement Service for guidance.

Some years ago, Omega in conclave assembled decided to encourage qualified Omega men to study in foreign universities by awarding them scholarships. It was thought that such awards would have the effect of giving foreign peoples a better impression of the Negro. Such awards were to be in their very nature a sort of wholesome propaganda in behalf of the Negro race. The press of the country heralded this decision of the Fraternity throughout the land. Fraternity men everywhere congratulated their friends in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for this far-sighted and prophetic action. To date, not one foreign scholarship has been granted. The dream of that Omega man who looked forward to studying in Padua, Petrograd, Cairo, Tokio, Cordova, Constantinople, or elsewhere, has been left to be realized through the support of those who make no claims to a fraternity.

The Fraternity's program and activities with respect to housing appears to have grown out of the praiseworthy purpose of housing the membership of undergraduate chapters in such a fashion as to place them on equal footing with other undergraduate chapters with which they were compelled to compete. Looking at this project from the standpoint of the money invested, one can see that the fraternity certainly is entitled to more praise than censure. And yet, the fraternity cannot show title to a single piece of real estate.

Certainly, here is a project about which the fraternity should render a full account. The money put into fraternity houses seems to mean not only a loss of hard-earned capital, but in some instances a loss of prestige, and a loss of fraternal feeling. If the foreign scholarship project died before it was born, the housing project, though not dead, appears to have suffered from so many of the maladies of youthful enthusiasm and inexperience that only an early diagnosis and a major operation will be able to put it into condition to regain its fraternal health.

OMEGA'S FUTURE PROGRAM A CHALLENGE TO LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOWSHIP

This backward look into the history of the fraternity for the purpose of bringing to light the various projects which have been attempted and what has been and has not been accomplished should convince the most skeptical of Omega's need for self-examination. Only one of the four big projects that the fraternity has attempted has persisted with a fair degree of success. Nevertheless, those persons who so glibly say that Omega does not have a program are grossly ignorant of her history. A program the fraternity has, even though fifty per cent

of it has been abandoned and twenty-five per cent of it has proved itself to be a great liability.

On the other hand, we should take pride in the fact that Omega has never attempted a project that is contrary to the cardinal principles laid down by her Founders.

In the distance one can hear rumblings which seem to indicate that new projects are likely to be adopted.

What Omega needs is not a new program, nor a better program. The membership needs to become better acquainted with the various phases of the program already adopted. The membership needs to be given an opportunity to say whether or not it wishes to carry the adopted projects to a successful completion or to abandon what previous conclaves have adopted.

Once this decision is made, Omega's leadership must devise ways and means for carrying out the projects agreed upon. A fraternity program decided upon but not executed does not place the fraternity in a wholesome light before the world.

In the suggested readjustment, there is no place for petty animosities, but there is a challenge for every member, whether he is to serve in the capacity of a leader or a follower.

AFRICAN FEVER OR AMERICAN PREJUDICE—WHICH?

By C. W. SEAY

Basileus of Gamma Omega, Lynchburg, Va.

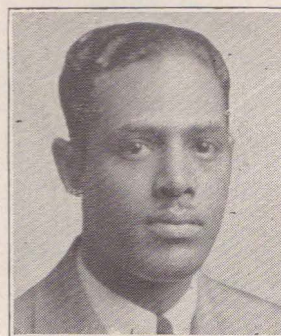
IN ALL the conflicts which this nation has waged against its foes, both real and imaginary, the American Negro has stood out as the epitome of bravery, sacrifice, and loyalty to the principles upon which this nation was founded. In the revolutionary war, the war between the states, the Spanish-American war, and even in the late World War black heroes have individually and collectively stamped themselves as the finest type of American soldier. This fact in itself is one of the major national paradoxes.

It has been most surprising that the Negro, proscribed, mistreated, jim-crowed, lynched, "put in his place," has, in spite of all these injustices, been willing and even eager to fight for the perpetuation of what we popularly call "Democracy." Perhaps it was because he sought temporary relief from the great American strife; perhaps because he was led to believe that in so doing he might better his condition; perhaps because he is innately loyal; perhaps because he is gullible; perhaps a thousand other things, but whatever the reason, time has yet to come when he was weighed and found wanting.

Prior to the Civil War the Negro's worth, as a soldier, was of more or less local prominence. However, during the reconstruction period immediately following this conflict, national interest was taken in him. This recognition was no doubt aided and abetted by the presence in the national congress of black senators, as well as the activities of the carpet-baggers and the national sentiment against the hue and cry of the impoverished former slave-holders. As concrete evidence of this new national notice, large numbers of Negroes were appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Charles Young, an outstanding young native of Ohio, was of the first of these to graduate from the Academy. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army and thereupon began a career of many battles—

not only battles fought with the gun and the sword, but battles against prejudice, discrimination, subterfuge, and denial of earned recognition—battles whose fierceness rivaled those of armed conflict because the enemy always struck foul.



C. W. SEAY

From one promotion to another, in spite of countless handicaps, he rose in the ranks until at the time of the Spanish-American War he was a major, second in command in his brigade. His commanding officer, a white man, was nearing the age of retirement, a fact which meant that Charles Young was next in line for promotion. It must have been a happy day for Major Young when his outfit was ordered to Cuba to re-inforce a volunteer company, the "Rough Riders," commanded by Colonel Leonard Wood and Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Wood, a former army surgeon, and Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, had recruited their forces hurriedly, and with little preparation had rushed off with more enthusiasm than military skill. It is little wonder, then, that the appearance of black troops on the field of battle gave occasion for wide spread jubilation. Together, the Rough Riders and the black

regulars took El Caney, and in the fierce battle of San Juan Hill the twenty-fourth infantry immortalized itself with unusual bravery under fire. Andrew S. Draper in his *The Rescue of Cuba* says of them, "The officers of the regular army say that no better soldiers ever wore a uniform, and prisoners taken from the fort at El Caney insisted that the colored troops were nine feet tall and could strangle them with their fists."

After the actual fighting was over, these black men further engraved their names in the hall of fame by the valiant way in which they nursed and cared for the sick and wounded in this land, infested with tropical insects and deadly fever. President William McKinley openly declared that he intended to reward these troops for their valor. After all the fanfare of returning victorious heroes had died down, the commanding officer of the brigade of which Major Young was a part was retired. This was a moment to which Charles Young had looked with a great deal of anticipation.

At last his big chance had come—but no! he had forgotten to take into consideration that prejudice was stronger than justice; that the color of one's skin and the texture of one's hair were greater determinants in the matter of advancement than efficiency and valor. In order to prevent Charles Young from becoming commanding officer the brigade was ordered disbanded by General Henry A. Corbin. His bubble had burst—this was Charles Young's first major defeat.

His second and final defeat came at the outset of America's participation in the World War. By this time a colonel, he saw again the awful bugbear, racial discrimination rise before him, and by trickery, chicanery, subterfuge, and downright cussedness he was cheated of promotion and denied the right to go overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. At this crucial moment, when American propagandists had already started

their "Make the world safe for Democracy" cry, Charles Young was examined and retired on the grounds that he was suffering from high blood pressure, in spite of the fact that his ailment had not seemed to bother him prior to America's declaration of war.

This was for Charles Young the last straw. Race hatred, American variety, had won. It had won over a soldier, a scholar, a musician, and a gentleman. He was sent by the government on a futile mission to Liberia, presumably to reorganize the Liberian army, but actually to get rid of him. It was embarrassing to white supremacy to have a Negro soldier of his rank in the country when there were so many white officers who might have to take orders from him. Charles Young died in 1921 in Liberia.

The records show that he died of African fever, but many have said that he died of a broken heart because the country for which he had risked his life turned him down and refused to give him the privilege of dying like a soldier. Which do you think, African fever or American prejudice? Through all these battles Charles Young never lost his dignity. He never gave up.

When he started, he was conceded to be a soldier, a scholar, and a gentleman; at the end, though humiliated and heartbroken, he died a scholar and a gentleman—if not a soldier.

We are proud to have such a man in our race; we are proud to have had such a man in our country; we are proud to have had such a man in our Fraternity! All honor to the memory of Colonel Charles Young.

The foregoing represents an address delivered by Brother C. W. Seay on the occasion of our Memorial Day at the Gamma Omega chapter at Lynchburg, Virginia. Others brothers were paid homage on this same occasion in March, 1935.

IN MEMORIAM:

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY

BETA CHAPTER — LINCOLN UNIVERSITY — LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PENNA.

Bro. Alfred Walker was fatally injured in an automobile accident April 13, 1935. He will long be remembered for his enviable scholastic record at Lincoln Uni-

versity, '30-'34 for his many conquests on the tennis courts and his superb instruction in Greek at Lincoln.

This poem is dedicated to his memory:

ON THE DEATH OF ALFRED WALKER

O death, why hast thou claimed one of our own
For whom the trees of life were free to bend
That he might pluck their choice poetic fruit
And wade the rivulet of learned men?
If Zeus wished him among us, did fate rule
Above him that our hopeful mate must wear
The brand of cruel death and those who mourn
Should break the earth and lay his body there?
No more across this budding campus green
Our stolid eyes will trace him, yet he walks

Unseen; he crushes not the smallest sprig;
Unheard, within the gentle wind he talks.
He will not leave us, he who spent so long
Beneath these stable trees to weep and sing:
Death cannot tear his heart from where it aged
Amid the flush of rich and noble things.
O Giver of this life's frugacious dream,
No greater boon could be for whom we weep
Receive, than to be held by those he left
A hero, no less noble that he sleeps.

WENDELL LAYTON,

ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Brother James D. Barnes, Jr.

Gentleman, Scholar, Friend, and Leader

There are few men, who, if their careers were to be cut as short as that of Brother Barnes, could leave behind them such an enviable trail of glory and achievement. In twenty-six years Barnes lived and for many years yet to pass, the memory of his dynamic spirit and accomplishment will inspire growing youth to seek the fullness of life that had already become his.

Jim Barnes' physical superiority and athletic prowess manifested themselves early in life; I recall him as the neighborhood champion "at anything" and the salvation of many a high school endeavor. Jim, off the athletic field, could debate, sing, and mix well—a likeable fellow in any group. In college at Oberlin, Barnes distinguished himself in athletics, football, basketball, and track, being

chosen Captain of the track team in his Senior year. Today, the Ohio Conference Big Six records for the 100 (9.4), the 220 (21), and mile relay (3.20) still bear his name. It was during his Senior year that he was initiated into Omega at Zeta Omega Chapter.

His fine record at Oberlin secured for him the coaching position at Virginia State College, where Barnes went to work in September 1930. Soon the mentors of the C. I. A. A. realized that they were to reckon with well trained athletic teams that reflected Barnes strategy. The Department of Athletics grew in popularity and status until now, when the new gymnasium is completed, regular courses in Physical Education will be offered. Barnes' chosen work had just begun. He worked hard and sacrificed—there were summer months spent in studying at U. of Michigan from which he received the M. A. degree. He was willing to exert himself.

Barnes reflected a strength of character and dominant will, which came from a fine home-life, encouraging parental training, and a choice of associates. In Oberlin live his Mother and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes, Sr., his sisters, Margaret and Rebecca (now a student

at Va. State,) and brother Samuel (Pledgee,) who is earnestly striving to duplicate Jim's brilliant record at Oberlin College. At Ettricks reside his lovely wife, Phyllis, and small son.

When, after a brief siege of a serious illness, Barnes apparently at the threshold of greater accomplishments is taken from our ranks, we pause in reverential awe—before noting his last transfer:

To Omega Chapter, March 31, 1935.

Out of our deep respect for Brother Barnes, we of Zeta Omega Chapter do ourselves the honor of unanimously adopting the following resolution:

"Be it resolved on this Ninth day of May, Nineteen Hundred Hundred and Thirty-five, that such funds as are now in our possession and as we shall acquire in the future for the purpose of aiding deserving students in the defraying of their college expenses be placed in a separate fund to be known as

The James Barnes Memorial Fund for Student Aid, and administered wisely by chosen representatives of Zeta Omega Chapter."

(Signed):

NATHANIEL B. BOWEN, Basileus.
LUKE A. MURPHY, K. of R. & S.
By L. MURPHY.

LITERARY A PILGRIMAGE

By THOMAS FORTUNE FLETCHER

Professor of English, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.

I AM COME from a Pilgrimage. A Pilgrimage I made in search of truth, a renewal of faith, and peace. My pilgrimage was a happy one for I found all three.

On August 9th, 1934, I sailed aboard the S. S. *Saturnia* of the Italian Line for the Mediterranean and Europe. In the short space of five weeks with the aid of train and steamer, I annihilated distances . . . my pilgrimage taking me across the Atlantic Ocean to the Azores, those gray volcanic isles which first greeted the eyes of Columbus on his memorable voyage to America. . . . In Lisbon, Portugal, I paid honor to the memory of Vasco Da Gama and Henry Fielding, both of whom lie buried there.

The huge hulk of Gibraltar reared its ageless cliffs out of the sea before me. I stood on the deck of my steamer and saw Africa on my left and Spain on my right! Africa! Spain! Both words to conjure with!

The minarets of the mysterious mosques of Algiers gleamed in the hot rays of an African sun to welcome me to the land of my ancestors. Algiers is a city of contrasts. A city of beauty. A city of filth and squalor. A city of veiled mysterious women. A city of smartly-dressed men and women in the latest styles of Bond Street and the Rue de la Paix. A city of desert chieftains, of Senegalese soldiers, of Jewish merchants, of broad, tree-lined avenues, and of torturous, ill-smelling alleys!

Then followed lazy days gliding along the cerulean blue seas of the Mediterranean to Naples . . . the Bay of Naples, one of the seven wonders of the world with stately and ominous Vesuvius rising in the distance. . . . See Naples and die . . . someone has said. . . . See Naples and live, I say. . . . I walked the streets of Pompeii and lived in my mind those terrifying days of 79 A. D. when the pleasure city of the Roman emperors was purged by the destroying fires of the angry goddess Vesuvius.

In Athens, Greece, my next important port of call, I stood on the Acropolis, gazing at the almost too-perfect loveliness of the Parthenon, erected 437 years before Christ to the worship and glory of the Goddess Athena. I saw the prison cave where Socrates spent his last hours with his despairing pupils and friends before he drank the fatal hemlock. . . . Not far from a monument to Socrates, I stood reverently before a memorial erected to Lord Byron, who died so tragically on the eve of his fight for Grecian independence.

A few days later in Rome, I stood humbly before the graves of two friends of mine in the Protestant Cemetery. Two friends who died more than a hundred years ago. . . . I thought of the death agony of one who loved beauty, dying so young, heartbroken because he felt his name "was writ in water." I was consoled by the lines carved in the stone wall just across from his grave . . .

"Keats! If thy sacred name be writ in water
Each drop has fallen from some mourner's cheek
A sacred tribute; such as heroes seek
Though oft in vain for dazzling deeds of slaughter,
Sleep on! Not honored less for Epitaph so meek!"

I thought of his friend as I stood there in the peaceful quiet of the Roman twilight. Of this most beautiful spot, that friend said, "Keats is buried in so sweet a spot, it makes one almost in love with death."

Prophetic words were these! In a very short time, Shelley was to sleep in that same spot near the friend he loved and whose passing he mourned in "Adonais."

. . . With a lighted taper of wax, I groped my way seventy-five feet underground, led by a saintly man in the robes of his monastic order through the subterranean passages of the earliest catacombs, the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. There the early Christians worshiped in secret, lived their lives underground, and when they died were entombed in the walls. These cata-

combs are sacred to the memory of Peter and Paul, whose bodies were hidden there after they suffered martyrdom.

The next day I made my way with hundreds of other pilgrims to Castle Gandolpho, summer palace of the popes since the Middle Ages. . . . There in a marble palace which overlooks a volcanic lake, 1400 feet down the side of the mountain, I knelt to kiss the Papal Ring and to receive the blessing of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. There was a look of almost heavenly beauty and adoration on the faces of the men, women, and children who bowed to a kindly old man of seventy-six dressed in snowy robes of a silken cloth worked in gold!

My Pilgrimage had now brought before my ever-widening eyes the "Glory that was Greece and the Grandeur that was Rome." . . . The Coliseum, The Vatican, St. Peter's . . . the masterpieces of Michael Angelo, Raphael and the matchless Leonardo . . . cathedrals almost cavernous in their massiveness . . . their treasure houses containing statues of silver and gold, and chalices of almost incalculable value. . . . My eyes had been almost surfeited with beauty and yet, something was lacking from my Pilgrimage! I had learned the lesson that Truth Endures; I think the Appian Way taught me that. But my faith had not been greatly renewed, and my soul was a seething mass which did not know peace. And yet, My Pilgrimage was to give me both faith and peace. I found them not in the magnificent ruins of Greece and Rome . . . not in the pomp and pageantry of St. Peter's, nor in the splendid opulence of other cathedrals. No, my faith was renewed and I at last found peace in the tiny village of Oberammergau, perch-

ed in the midst of the Bavarian Alps, when I saw a simple peasant folk re-enact the greatest tragedy this world has seen . . . I refer to Das Passionspiele (The Passion Play).

Europe I found armed to the teeth . . . little boys throughout Italy tottering under the weight of rifles. Hatred and racial persecution aflame in Germany. And in one corner of Germany, as yet untouched by the Iron Heel of Hitler and his Storm Troopers, a peasant people portrayed the Passion and Suffering of Christ. For eight hours, I shared the joys and sorrows of the Beloved Son of Man as the play was unfolded before me. I left Germany the next day feeling very humble, very meek, and feeling, at the same time, very happy that I had seen this vision of tragic beauty which must take precedence over all other religious experiences for me.

I hurried across Austria, returning to Italy. A visit to the Cathedral City of Milan . . . to the City of Love, Venice . . . a last fleeting glimpse of the Italian coast as I looked at the port of Genoa from the steamer "Rex." . . . Six days of sea and sun, of talk, of fun, of friends, of rest haunted by dreams of the beauty and romance that had come to me. . . . Then I found myself a bit bewildered in the jagged towers of that city of blood and steel, that city of strong men who build to meet the sky . . . that city of trains rushing madly through the air and burrowing through the earth . . . New York . . . the City that I love almost to distraction and yet of which I am also afraid . . . I stretched my arms. It was good to be home again. But even before the steamer docked, I found myself scheming, hoping, dreaming of another Pilgrimage!

POEMS

By Thomas Fortune Fletcher

I HAVE FOUND BEAUTY INFINITELY SAD

By Thomas Fortune Fletcher

I have found Beauty infinitely sad
A flower, a star, a sunset,
Has never made me glad.
Beauty wakens memories
Long-since buried deep
When they are uncovered
I can only weep!

FORGETFULNESS

I have forgotten many things I knew
The smell of violets, the beat of rain
Against a lonely house
And the quiet tragedy of falling leaves
For the violets in Central Park
In their story-book setting
I cannot smell or touch
There are no lonely houses here
Yet I am lonely
And the leaves fall unmourned
By a folk too busy
The crashing crescendos from radios of ten different
Makes come to me above the scream of the fish vendor
And the vegetable man
Beating against the quivering walls of my frightened Soul
I have forgotten many things I knew
The smell of violets, the beat of rain
Against a lonely house
And the quiet tragedy of falling leaves
For the violets in Central Park I cannot touch
There are no lonely houses here
Yet I am lonely
And the leaves fall unmourned
By a folk too busy

—T. F. F.,
ETA ALPHA CHAPTER.

PHANTASMA

A DREAM

By HAROLD WOODSON, IOTA, Chicago, Illinois

Fleeing, unstable, sweet dream
O thou burning desire, sweet ecstasie did it seem;
Yet only could this phantasm be true
Ne'er the tasted delights would I rue.
Awake I to find the wish could not remain?
Ah! mocks of dreams do turn your heart to pain.

I SHALL ARISE AND GO

When you call for me,
I shall arise and go,
And seek thy footprints upon the sands
Where the breakers roll for eternity.
I shall be old then, but
Thy voice shall guide my steps
Along that coast where men have gone before;
And though I journey late,
I ever loved the twilight,
The sun's late setting, day's end,
Quiet and serene.
And gazing along that Sea,
Where all our yesterdays still live,
And what we might have been,
Stalks to haunt the pilgrim soul,
I shall await the blessed vision,
The beauty of His presence.
And with the tide, I shall set sail,
Yet leave upon the sands this tale:
"When Life called late for me,
I did arise and go."

—WILLIAM A. BANNER,
NU CHAPTER,
State College, Pennsylvania.

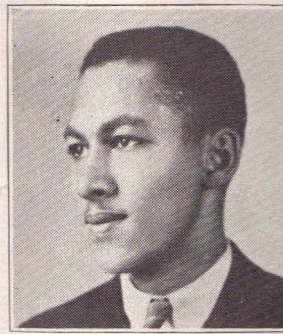
A SONNET ON LIFE

What mysteries lie beyond the boundary
Of our existence in this world of strife!
How narrow seems our meager scope of life
Beside the vastness of Infinity!
Our lowly minds have not the power to see
The force that binds the Universe, nor know
What gives us life, nor stems the turbid flow
Of Time from birth unto Eternity.

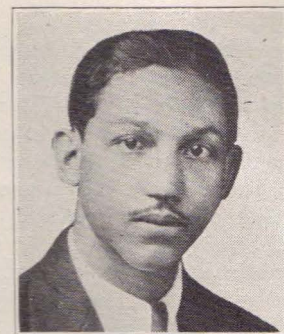
Into this shadow-world it seems our lot
To come in darkness, groping for the light
Of knowledge, taking up our earthly role.
We live to learn, but knowing, yet know not
What part we play, e'en when the sable night
Of Death brings peace unto the tortured soul.

J. WALTON REDDEN,
UPSILON CHAPTER,
Wilberforce University,
Wilberforce, Ohio.

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J. WALTON REDDEN
A Coming Literateur



JOSEPH T. BRIGHT
A Patron of the Arts
11th Dist. Rep.
Keeper of Records for
Phi Phi, Richmond, Va.

a member of the University Quartet and Choir; also of the "Spectators Literary Society," and "Le Cercle Francais." He is also the holder of an honor certificate for high scholarship, and Upsilon's Chapter Editor.

PARIS V. STENETT,
Basileus.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE UNDERGRADUATES

By FREDERICK S. WEAVER

THE achievements of our undergraduate brothers are, for the most part known to the respective chapters in which they hold membership. The chapter notes which some of the chapters send to the Oracle are somewhat inclined to push the activities of the undergraduates in the background, and to familiarize distant brothers with the large number of graduate brothers on school faculty.

It is the purpose of this column to keep before all brothers the activities of the undergraduate brothers, and to advise all brothers when some brother in an undergraduate chapter does something that is considered noteworthy.

At the PI PSI CHAPTER, in Urbana, there is an Omega chapter known as PI PSI. Although there are only five brothers on its roster it is one of our most active chapters. The burden that this chapter carries is known only to a few. The success PI PSI has had with its fraternity house and the reputation those boys have made at the University of Illinois is a thing in which all Omega should rejoice.

Led on by that invincible brother, William Leonard Evans, those five stalwart sons of ours threw the light of Omega along the paths that to them seemed dark and marched with heads erect, in spite of barriers and difficulties and have achieved nobly. They realize that they have an oath to live by.

Brother Evans is leaving PI PSI this year. He has finished his task as a student in the School of Commerce, as Basileus of PI PSI and as House Manager of the Chapter frat house. From the School of Commerce he is being graduated with honors. Brother Evans went to the University of Illinois from Fisk University where he had also wrought nobly. For two years he was a member of the Fisk University Basketball Team. On arriving at the University of Illinois he tried out for the Illinois Varsity Basketball Team, only to be cut because of the color line of the Big Ten.

But Brother Evans is not the only one at PI PSI who has held high the banners of Omega. I have in mind Brother William (Red) Martin, who, after six hectic years

of college work, will receive his degree from the College of Law.

Brother Martin is the first Negro to make the honor roll in the law school of the University of Illinois, successfully demonstrating that Negro lawyers can do something other than "preach" as was charged by one of his professors.

The departing of Brother Martin from PI PSI is another gap in the chapter roster that will be difficult to fill.

In Commerce, in Law, yes, and in the Department of Romance Languages, Omega men at the University of Illinois have greatly excelled.

When the French Play was presented to the students of the University of Illinois by the French Club of that Institution, it was our brother, J. Miguel Jones, whose superb acting caused those 2,000 students present to send up a mass ovation that will long be remembered. Brother Jones has consistently been one of the most outstanding students in the Department of Romance Languages.

Beta Chapter, located at Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania, will lose eleven of its members through graduation. All eleven are well known in the various activities about the campus.

Outstanding in football has been Brother C. W. Bergen, an all-CIAA for two years, and an all-American center in 1934. In 1933 he was captain of the basketball team and in spite of this large participation in athletics, Brother Bergen kept his name on the scholastic honor roll. Another football star was Brother B. F. Coleman who captained the team in 1934. He played on the Varsity football team during his entire career as a student at Lincoln University. As a test of his popularity he was President of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes, and president of the Intramural Council.

Brother G. W. Gore held up scholastically for Omega. During his entire four years he won a cherished place on the honor roll and is a member of the Phi Kappa

Epsilon Society.

In Brother G. W. Ward Beta had another athlete among its folds. Brother Ward was a member of the track team from 1932-35, and captained the track team for three years. He was also a member of the 'Varsity football squad of 1933 and 1934, as well as a member of the student athletic association.

One of the outstanding members of the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society is our Brother, H. L. Wilkins, student instructor in physics. Brother F. E. Betz is also graduating this year. Brother Betz is probably the most active man on the campus. A molder of student opinion and a leader of campus activities, Brother Betz will be greatly missed.

Other members of Beta who are being graduated, and who likewise have played their share in the activities of Lincoln are Brothers G. W. Allen, B. A. Austin, W. G. Hare, W. J. Pennington, E. R. Amos and A. H. Baskerville.

Pi Chapter Pi Chapter, at Morgan College, has made a large contribution to the intellectual life of the college. At Morgan there is a scholastic honorary society known as Pi Lambda Psi. Elected to that society recently were Brothers Jerome Gaskins and Harold T. Pinkett.

Winning scholastically is nothing new for these two brothers, especially for Brother Pinkett who topped the honor roll list for the first semester with an average of 91.50. Brother Gaskins is also a member of the 'Varsity debating team.

Undergraduate men in Omega have always revered Omega's second cardinal principle, scholarship. It is nothing new or astonishing to find Omega men on any campus holding the highest general average.

Upsilon Chapter I remember that it was last January, when Brother Paris V. Sterrett, in words which rivaled the eloquence of Demosthenes, accepted a plaque from the President of Wilberforce University, Dr. R. R. Wright, in the name of UPSILON Chapter, for having maintained the highest scholastic average of any Greek-letter organization on the campus.

Delta Psi Chapter Delta Psi, at Shaw University, down in Raleigh, N. C., seems to have their school publication, the **Shaw University Journal**, just about sewed up. They are as mighty with the pen as Brother Young was with the sword.

"Mug" Frazier is its editor-in-chief; "Dick" Hoffler is the associate editor; "Bill" Wheeler is the business manager and "Blondie" Vick is the advertising manager. All these men are our brothers. The **Q. C. Journal** would not be a bad name for it.

Alpha Chapter At Howard University, where Omega was founded, Alpha Chapter loves her athletes. A few weeks ago members of

that Chapter brought into the folds of Omega the captains of the basketball, football and boxing teams.

Willie Wynne, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is due much credit for the success of the basketball team, both this year and last year. This all C. I. A. A. forward is next year's captain of the basketball five of Howard University. Brother Wynne is one of our newest additions.

The captain-elect of the football team, Brother Bishop Hart, who crossed the burning sands in company with Willie Wynne, is also captain of the boxing team. He qualified for participation in the A. A. U. Boxing Contest but was barred, because the District of Columbia officials would not permit interracial boxing in the District.

Brother C. Waldo Scott, who is bringing to a close his junior year at Howard University, is a candidate for the presidency of the student council. His popularity among the student body in general was shown last year when he was elected delegate-at-large to the student council. Previously he had served as president of the Freshman and the Sophomore classes. He declined to run for the presidency of the Junior class, preferring to take a seat in the student council, which he succeeded in doing.

Despite the fact that Brother Scott is a member of the student council, serves on several committees of that body, and is Keeper of Records and Seals of Alpha Chapter, aside from holding other important posts, he has always borne in mind that his primary purpose for coming to Howard was to achieve scholastically. His name has consistently been placed on the honor roll at the conclusion of each semester since his entrance to Howard University. Now, Brother Scott is taking a pre-medical course, is a candidate for Beta Kappa Chi, an honorary society. To become a candidate for this society, a student must have maintained an average of at least 87 in at least ten courses in science. This required average Brother Scott has excelled.

Brother Scott is also owner of an achievement key, which key is awarded to any student at Howard University who has acquired more than eight points in extra-curricular activities. Only a few students are able to pile up the necessary points by the end of their junior year, and Brother Scott is among that few. He hails from Newport News, Va., and Newport News is proud to claim him. So is Omega.

Now, to those brothers in our many other chapters, whose achievements have been as outstanding as those mentioned within these columns, but who were too modest to send the necessary information to the writer, I take this means of congratulating you, one and all.

Congratulations also go to the number of brothers who, with the close of school, will pass from the stage of an undergraduate to higher stages in life. Omega is proud of you all and wish you well as you ramble down the uncertain roads of life.

C. G. Mabry '35

Mu Psi A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.
President of Y. M. C. A.
President of Debating Society.
President of "Tech" Club.

Member of Student Council.
Delegate of Kings Mountains, '34.
Tutor (Mechanical Department.)
Candidate for B. S. Degree (Arch. and Bldg.)

OMEGA STATISTICS

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GRADUATE CHAPTERS

MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS

Zeta Omega (Cleveland) has two Brothers employed as clerks in the post office, two city employees (one in the Law-Department, and one in the Department of Utilities). Zeta Omega has also one Radio Artist.

Theta Omega (Louisville, Ky.) has one insurance manager, two theater managers, one insurance auditor, one cashier, one school band instructor, two pharmacists, and the Executive Secretary of the Urban League.

Pi Omega (Baltimore) has one secretary and one manager.

Nu Phi (Houston, Tex.) has three Brothers regularly employed by fraternal organizations

Delta Alpha (Dayton, Ohio) has one chiropodist, one photostat operator, and one insurance manager.

Upsilon Omega (St. Louis) has one high school principal, one as-

sistant high school principal, two elementary school principals, the city school Dentist, one judge, one Associate City Councillor, one City Architectural Draftsman.

BROTHERS WHO HAVE CREATED JOBS FOR THEMSELVES

Zeta Omega: 3 (Cleveland)
 | Manager of a Night Club
 | Manager of a Barber Shop
 | Advertising Agent

Theta Omega: 1 (Louisville)
 | Proprietor of Drug Store

Nu Phi (Houston):
 | Proprietor of a Grocery Store

Upsilon Omega (St. Louis):
 | Silk Hosiery Branch

CHAPTER NOTES

OMEGA CHAPTERS IN NASHVILLE BUY FRATERNITY HOUSE

An intensive building campaign begun by the Graduate Chapter (Gamma Phi) some three years ago has at last come to a beautiful realization. With the co-operation of Delta at Meharry, Eta Psi at Fisk University and Rho Psi at Tennessee State a beautiful two-story stone house was purchased last week.

The house is not yet completed but will be ready for occupancy by October 1, 1935. There are twelve rooms, two baths, hot air heat and room in the back for enlargements when necessary.

The house is located mid way between Fisk, State College and Meharry and will be the Omega house. It is on the beautiful drive way leading into Hadley Park in the most fashionable part of Nashville. This is the first fraternity home to be owned by a Fraternity in the South although all of the Frats have houses which are leased. At a recent inspiration meeting Rho Psi members pledged five dollars a man, Eta Psi

pledged more than fifty dollars and Gamma Phi put one hundred dollars on the wood. Delta chapter has pledged one hundred and five dollars. These pledges are due by the 15th of May. All ready more than four hundred dollars in cash is in the hands of the trustees and the initial payment has been paid. Dr. W. E. A. Forde is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. J. B. Singleton, Secretary, Brother S. B. Hemphill, Treasurer, Brothers J. W. Work and T. D. Upshaw complete the Board. Brothers T. D. Upshaw, J. B. Singleton and S. B. Hemphill are members of the Building Committee. Brother Z. A. Looby, Attorney at Law and member of the Graduate Chapter is legal advisor for the transaction, and was instrumental in securing the house. Omega is still leading in Nashville and a most co-operative spirit exists among the Chapters.

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

Gamma Chapter, Cambridge, Mass. Brothers, Gamma Chapter sends its greetings. Intense preparations are now under way for our annual Spring Formal.

And believe you me, the true spirit is ever present. We have been fortunate this year in having inestimable co-operation between the brothers of Gamma and Eta Phi Chapters. And basileus, Bro. Milton Reddick, is to be saluted for his untiring efforts rendered on behalf of Gamma Chapter. Since his promotion to the executive position of the Reddick Realty Corporation, Bro. Reddick has found it necessary to commute from New York to Boston almost daily, due to the enormous services performed by the firm which he represents. Nevertheless, our good brother basileus has been punctual at every meeting, and is always willing to lend both his moral and financial support. We are grateful to you, Brother Reddick.

Our Keeper of Records and Seals, Brother Willard Brown, graduates this June with honors from Boston University Law School. However, we are extremely thankful not to lose him as Brother Brown is anticipating a Master's Degree in Law the following year. Recently we interviewed Brother Brown and much to our pleasure were informed that he intends entering the political field in his home state of West Virginia. Success to you, Brother Brown.

Until we meet again. Look forward with OMEGA.

"TED" LONDEN,
 Chapter Editor.

Nu Chapter, State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Brothers in Omega:

Again, Nu Chapter sends greetings to you and to those associated with you in the work which you are carrying on. We wish you continued success.

Nu Chapter wishes to recommend to the under-graduate column of outstanding Omega men the name of Brother William A. Banner, Basileus of the Chapter for the present academic year, 1934-1935. Brother Banner has made a commendable record throughout his collegiate career, and, as a member of the graduating class, he stands among the scholastic leaders at

Penn State. He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the national Social Science Honorary.

Nu Chapter remains,

With affectionate homage,
 NU SCRIBE.

Theta Chapter, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas

Brothers in Omega:

This is our second greeting to you from Theta Chapter during this inspiring year of 1935 which marks the twenty-fourth milestone in Omega History. We, who are basking in the sunshine of East Texas, are attempting to uphold the cardinal principles and to make the name of Omega paramount in all of its activities.

Three weeks ago we had the privilege of having Dr. Willis King of Gammon Theological Seminary as our guest. To insure Dr. King's visit being a pleasure, a "stag" was given at the home of Bro. Tolson. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones formed. "Q. C." activities of localities represented were discussed after which refreshments were served. Thus the evening was profitably and pleasantly spent.

With commencement days approaching we are beginning to sense the sorrow that accompanies the losing of brothers by graduation. We have already lost the services and fellowship of Bro. Steve D. Gulley, our Basileus who graduated in March. A host of "Q. C.'s" were at the depot to see him depart for his home, St. Louis. Our Vice Basileus, Herman B. Shaw, has taken over Bro. Gulley's duties, until new officers are elected. Brothers to leave us in May are: Herman B. Shaw, Joseph P. Chretien, Cleveland Gay, Jake S. Douglas, Elza O'Dell, and Frederick Wright.

On April 21, at 3:00 p. m., in the Daniel Brainard Adams Chapel, memorial services were held for all deceased brothers. The program was as follows:

Reveille
 In Retrospect
 Invocation J. Paul Chretien
 In Memoriam W. Carr Fuller

Address M. Beaunorous Tolson
Saxophone Solo J. Stanton Douglas
Presentation of Award J. Leonard Farmer
Remarks
Omega Hymn
Taps

The award presented was the customary medal given on Memorial Day to the senior whose services are deemed by the fraternity to have been the most valuable to the college. Mr. "Pat" Patterson, an Alpha man, whose athletic and scholastic attainment was unparalleled, was the recipient of the award. Such an exemplification of unbiased appreciation of the fraternity for valuable service should promote better relations between the rival groups.

We would like to give you more news, but Bro. Dreer says that I have used my allotted space. So "au revoir" until the next time.

Fraternally yours,
WAYLAND C. FULLER,
Chapter Editor.

Eta Psi Chapter, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings, Brothers:

We have just about completed another successful year at Fisk. Late in the last quarter we gave a smoker for the Freshmen men at the Faculty Club. After the Freshmen and visiting Brothers enjoyed many rounds of whist a good program was rendered. Brothers W. J. Faulkner, Dean of Men and acting Minister, and John Work, Musical Instructor, both here at Fisk, were the principal speakers for the occasion. Other Brothers gave short messages, after which a pleasing repast was served. All left with the good Q spirit in their bones.

Eta Psi is glad to welcome back to her folds Brothers Arthur Bostic and William Collier. These Brothers have traveled with the Fisk Octette extensively over the country during the last two quarters.

The good Q spirit has been exhibited throughout this school year. So much so that on April 9th five applicants were taken into the Lampados Pledge Club, namely Edward Sneed, Ray Coston, George Matthews, Harris Flower and Robert Murdic. Pledge brothers Arthur Price and Felix Battle were already members.

Brother William J. Arnold, Keeper of Records and Seals, entered an Essay Contest sponsored by the library committee and the Fisk Herald. There were a number of entries to this contest; however, Brother Arnold won the first prize, which was \$2.50 in cash and any book to be selected by him. He chose "Along This Way" by James Weldon Johnson.

With deepest regrets we are about to lose several Brothers through graduation. They are Brothers Frank Ransom, L. Warren Beasley, and Howard Gresham. All these Brothers were good scholars and athletes.

Brothers, we are now leaving the air, operating on a frequency of the four cardinal principles, by authority of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. We will return again in the next issue.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

Theta Psi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Chapter, Institute, West Virginia

Greetings, Brothers:

The only chapter in the State of West Virginia is forging ahead again and this time it is so far out in front that our nearest rival seems like a mere speck. Our Annual Prom on April 12 is still the talk in the best circles, thanks to Bro. Spiller, Bro. Brent and the rest of those hard working Q's. The affair had all the ear marks of an "honest-to-goodness" NITE-CLUB with a real floor show that made the Cotton Club look like a hole in the wall.

On April the 11th four very fine men saw the lights of Omega. They were Brothers C. U. (Cut) Thompson, Carl (Wildman) Pinn, Maurice Moore and George Kenndy who took it with their chin up.

Theta Psi is very proud of her ACHIEVEMENT BOOK, her Chapter Song and her position on the campus which keeps her head and shoulders above everybody else.

Brothers Spiller and Coleman were the only Negroes at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York in March where the Yellow Jacket of which Bro. Spiller is Editor and Coleman is "Joe College" took third place.

Bro. Cox is now very important as a member of the Student Council and the Alpha Delta Sigma Honorary Society.

Graduation will take from us Calvin Brent, Bas. "Zaz" Rose

Mike Spiller, Barney Coleman, Steak Wills, Shylock Hicklin, Jasper Hayes, S. Owens, Cut Thompson, M. Moore, G. Kenndy, "JoJo" Abbott, G. Pinn.

Theta Psi wishes all the graduating brothers in Omega the best of luck upon graduation.

"BARNEY" COLEMAN,
Chapter Editor.

Sigma Psi Chapter, Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas

Brothers in Omega:

Again Sigma Psi wishes to greet all the Brothers and to all the undergraduate Brothers we hope you have had a successful school year and will be back again next year raising the standard of Omega higher than ever.

Old man graduation is certainly taking his toll here this year for his total collection is five faithful Brothers whom we that remain will certainly miss but are proud of the record they have made while in dear old Samuel Huston. The graduating brothers are:

Walter C. McMillan, former Basileus; Kermit DuBois Young, Keeper of Finance and former football captain; James C. Otto, dean of pledges and also a former football captain; Bro. William Armstrong, Chaplain of the chapter and President of the Senior class; and last but not least is Curtis D. Hazely, keeper of records and seals and debater de luxe who is anticipating entering law school next fall.

We are still holding sweet memories of our annual dance which was Friday night, April 26th; and I must say it was swell and what I call a perfect evening. The ballroom was made into a terrace garden beautifully lighted by blue lights alternating with crimson. The Omega shield was in the center of the wall facing the orchestra and shining in all its glory against a background of gold and purple.

As a final word Sigma Psi wishes to say that every brother has attempted to live up to the principles of Omega. As a result, the chapter stands at the head of the list of local fraternity chapters for scholarship, and is among the leaders in all activities on the campus.

The local elections were held recently and your humble servant was elevated to the position of Basileus and Bro. Claude W. Black elected Keeper of Records and Seal. So with the old ship under new guidance, Sigma Psi will attempt to keep onward, upward, and forward.

Fraternally yours,
ADOLPH T. SCOTT, JR., Basileus
CLAUDE W. BLACK, K. of R. & S.,
Chapter Editors.

Phi Psi Chapter, Langston University, Langston, Okla.

Dear Brothers in Omega:

Phi Psi Chapter closes a glorious year. We began by putting on an Achievement Program. Brother Earnest Richards, our eloquent leading attorney of Oklahoma City, was the principal speaker on this occasion.

The next big event was a large initiation in which we carried fifteen men across the burning sands. Those men have since shown their mettle by being outstanding on the campus and by earnestly carrying the banner of Omega to higher grounds.

Our next endeavor was a very inspirational Memorial Day Service which will long be remembered by all who attended. Dr. G. I. Lythcott was our Guest Speaker for the day. Dr. Lythcott is a staunch Omega, as everyone knows, and delivered an address that no one who heard it can easily forget. Professor Floyd Sullivan, formerly of Psi Chapter, Morehouse, assisted in making the Services a success by rendering for us a piano solo as only he can play them.

Then, to cap the climax, the Annual Prom was had in a big way. And what a Prom it was! The scheme of decoration was a jungle scene in which all of the necessary sights of the jungle were included with the addition of handsome young men and beautiful ladies. Everything was there to make a good dance perfect. A loud speaker was utilized to announce the arrival of guests, a crystal ball in the center of the floor kept turning slowly to make the scene more realistic, and a large snake under a full moon warned the guests to watch out for the deadly animals of the jungle. The crowd was happy, the decoration superb, the punch delicious, and the music grand. After the party was over everyone went away feeling the effects of Omega Oil and with the firm conviction that the Langston University gym had never before been the scene of so beautiful a party.

OSCAR HUTTON.

Chi Psi Chapter, Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tenn.

Brothers in Omega:

Soon Chi Psi will have celebrated its first anniversary, at which time we will sponsor a program in observance thereof. Observe the personnel of

our group. The entire varsity Debating Team, the presidents of the Senior and Junior classes, and the publicity agent of the College, are all wrapped in the folds of dear old Chi Psi.

Brother Oscar E. Knight, our beloved basileus, is president of the Forensic Society, agent of the College, and a member of the varsity Debating Team. He is also president of the local chapter for the N. A. A. C. P. Brother Jackson (Jack) Townsend, Vice-Basileus, and Brother Edward Ateman, Keeper of Records, are together with other members of the varsity Debating Team, and hold offices in the Forensic Society.

At a debate tournament recently held in Iowa City, Ia., these three brothers, along with two others (one of whom was a neophyte), represented Le Moyne as the only Negro College participating. In the folds of Chi Psi can be found the only student composer on the campus—Brother John V. Byas. Before the FERA ruled fraternities ineligible for scholarships, Brother Byas was laboratory assistant in Chemistry. He is president of the Junior class, and Keeper of Finance of Chi Psi. Brother Theodore L. (Ted) Hughes is our capable athlete. He was formerly a guard on the All-Southern football team. This past season he received honorable mention on All-Southern. Brother Hughes is president of the Senior class. . . . Brother Chalmers Hammond is our insurance man. He proved to be very competent agent of the Universal Life Ins. Co., when he won a cash prize of \$140.00, for writing more ordinary policies than any other agent employed by the company.

When Le Moyne's erstwhile orchestra was functioning, Brother A. D. Knox was the banjoist and guitar player. Brother Knox, who is now the Chaplain of Chi Psi, is reputed to be the most proficient guitar player in this neck of the woods.

This humble scribe is a member of the College Quartet, College Choir, and tenor soloist of the Male Glee Club. But be ye not deceived by thinking that his chief interest lie in vocal calisthenics, for he is a pre-med and hopefully aspires to an M. D.

A few weeks ago the Grand Marshal, Brother Jesse O. Thomas, spoke in chapel. He made a very instructive address. We, in company with the graduate brothers, tried to make his short stay a pleasant one. In a few days our Grand Keeper of Finances, Brother J. B. Blayton, will be here to speak.

Of the nine members of Chi Psi, five of them will leave us by way of graduation. They are Brother O. E. Knight, E. Ateman, A. D. Knox, T. L. Hughes and J. Townsend. It can be said of these brothers that they have done their utmost to uphold the principles of Omega, they have served Chi Psi well, and we are proud of them. Let us all join in wishing them much happiness, prosperity, and success!!

With every good wish to all the brothers, I am,

Faternally yours,

FREDERICK BRADLEY,
Chapter Editor.

Psi Psi Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.

Greetings, Brothers in Omega:

Psi Psi is composed of the following brethren: Psi Psi Hoyle W. Miller, Basileus, is a member of the Senior class and an outstanding student in the department of Social Science. Brother Robert Jackson, Keeper of Records and Seals, is a member of

the senior class, a representative on the Student Welfare Council, member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet and member of the Choral Club.

Brother James H. Ingram, Keeper of Finance, is business manager of Kentucky State College.

Brother William Dotson, Keeper of Peace, is a member of the Junior class, member of the Varsity K Club, shoe shop proprietor and chef in the dining room.

Brother Caldwell Smith, Chaplain, member of the Junior class, is officer of the Kentucky Progressive Aggies and chapter "soloist." Brother John Derrickson, a Senior and member of the Kentucky Players.

Brother Booker Rowe, member of the Sophomore class and member of the Kentucky Players.

Brother Claude Martain, Senior and member of the Varsity K Club. And yours truly is president of the Junior class, member of the Varsity Debaters and motion picture projectionist.

Our adviser is Brother J. D. "Red" Stewart, former Vice Grand Basileus and who at present is bookkeeper and accountant at this institution and assistant coach.

As the school year draws to a close, Psi Psi looks back over time well used. On February 26, we were presented to and accepted by the president of the college. On the evening of March 11, Psi Psi conducted a short but very impressive Col. Young memorial program. Our biggest affair was a smoker March 16, in which we were host to all fraternal chapters on the campus, namely, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha. President Atwood, also present, stated that he regarded this affair as a milestone in the progress of Kentucky State College.

The activities of Psi Psi for this school term ended with its participation in the inter-fraternal party which was a very pretty and enjoyable affair.

Drop in to see us when traveling in this section.

So long until the next issue of the Oracle.

WILSON HALE,
Chapter Editor.

GRADUATE CHAPTERS

Eta Omega, Chapter Atlanta, Ga.

Eta Omega chapter is rapidly perfecting plans for the entertainment of the Twenty-Third Annual Conclave. Bro. Jesse O. Thomas, the Grand Marshall is on the job. The official conclave program will be released in the next issue of the Oracle.

The chapters are requested to elect delegates as soon as possible and send the names and addresses of the delegates as well as other brothers who expect to attend to the Grand Marshall, 250 Auburn Ave., N. E. Atlanta, Georgia.

A ladies' auxiliary has been appointed in connection with the regular Conclave Committee. This committee will see to it that the visitors do not have a dull moment during the sessions of the conclave.

Omega won the Inter-Fraternity Basketball tournament here a few weeks ago. Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha could not withstand the onslaught of the powerful Omega team with such players as "Hank" Archer, Lucius Jones, McNeil, Carl Ray, Spoon Tate, De Loss Berry, Wilcox Bush, Ralf Long, Leslie Baker and Coach "Hubie" Jackson.

The chapter's Annual Spring Dance was given May 3rd "On The Beach of Waikiki" via Sunset Casino. A Hawaiian decorative scheme was carried out to the "Nth" degree. Bro. Wilmer Jennings with his assistants had the guests thinking that they were really on the beach at Waikiki.

At the affair were such national figures as Ira De A Reid, Dr. Du Bois, Wm. Stanley Braithwaite, Prof. J. B. Blayton, Harold Thomas, Jesse O. Thomas, Madame Florence Cole Tolbert, President S. H. Archer, Rayford Logan and Prof. W. Dawson of Tuskegee.

The committee responsible for the highly successful affair was headed by Dr. H. R. Butler as chairman of the social committee, and Brothers W. A. Hamilton, A. C. Randall, Wilmer Jennings, C. P. Coles, Hubie Jackson, A. B. "Fat" Standard and M. R. Austelle.

Our chapter co-operated with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Sigma Theta Sororities in entertaining the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on the occasion of their Southern Regional Conference which was held here April 12-14.

Memorial services were held at our last regular monthly meeting in honor of the late Col. Chas. Young and Brothers Wm. Bush and John C. Bridges. Brothers Bush and Bridges were both members of Eta Omega Chapter.

Cupid seems to be quite busy among our brothers. The engagement of Dr. G. A. Howell to Miss Theresa Simmons was announced a few days ago, the marriage to take place early in June. Bro. Percy Johnson will be leaving in a few days to journey all the way to Houston, Texas to marry Miss Nina Smith.

Dr. Raymond Carter was recently appointed Scout Commissioner for colored boy scouts here in Atlanta.

Bro. J. B. Blayton, our Bas., addressed a large audience in Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday, May 5th. His address was well received and evoked much favorable comment.

Dr. C. W. Powell was general chairman of the Y. M. C. A. membership drive which ended very successfully May 7th.

M. R. AUSTELLE,
Chapter Editor.

Zeta Phi Chapter, Indianapolis, Ind.

Greetings, Brothers:
Zeta Phi is still carrying on the work of Omega. It is sufficient to say that the fourth annual inter-fraternal basketball classic between the Omegas and the Kats (Kappa Alpha Psi's) was won by Zeta Phi. Our team completely outouted the Kappas by the count of 33 to 28. Over 500 people were present to see Brothers F. Dowdell of Wilberforce, B. Payne, Big Dave Dejernett, and P. Johnson blaze the trail for Omega.

Immediately after the game the annual victory ball was held in the beautiful Walker Casino. Brother Hank Corrothers of Wilberforce coached the winning team. Other members who played for the purple and gold were Albert Woodlow, Howard Clark, Ray Crowe, of Indian Central College, and Luther Talbott.

Indianapolis is looking forward to the outstanding event of the year. When the lights are low and the melodious tunes fill the air, Zeta Phi will be hosts to the socialites of Indianapolis. Our social committee, composed of Brothers C. Jacobs, P. Johnson, U. Simmons, O. Ramsay and T. Hummons, is busily completing preparations for the annual summer dance. May we see you then?

The Colonel Young Memorial program was held on the afternoon of Sunday, March 10. Dr. J. W. Ramey of Kokomo, Indiana, was the host to members of Zeta Phi. The large audience was profuse in praise for the message delivered by Bro. C. Jacobs, one of the younger lawyers of the capitol city. Greater enthusiasm was derived from the service.

We have resolved to take a greater part in the civic life of Indianapolis.

On April 30, 1935, the family as well as Zeta Phi lost a beloved one, Dr. R. B. Pruitt. He was only recently the Keeper of Finance for the local chapter, and one of the city's outstanding church leaders. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Brother Cary D. Jacob lost his sister a short while ago. He has our sympathy.

Fraternally yours,

ULYSSES SIMMONS,
Chapter Editor.

Eta Phi Chapter, Boston, Mass.

Within the past year the Eta Phi Chapter has taken on a degree of new life that is extremely encouraging. Not only does this effort represent a number of membership renewals but attendance and program planning.

The ball was started to rolling last fall when Eta Phi in conjunction with the undergraduate chapter sponsored a public meeting, at which time the Grand Basileus, Bro. Oxley; the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Weisiger, and Bro. Louia Vaughn Jones were in attendance. Bro. Oxley was the main speaker, representing the United States Department of Labor. There were approximately 500 people in attendance and over fifty Omega men. Bro. Jones, who is well known in Boston for his talent, swept the audience with his exceptionally brilliant playing.

Not long ago there was an election of officers, at which time Bro. Edward Dixon was made Basileus and Bro. Gustave Solomons, Keeper of Records and Seal. Bro. Dixon is a Draftsman and Bro. Solomons an Engineer and with their inception the chapter program has assumed a degree of accuracy and preciseness that was not there before.

They have already begun the most promising effort to form an inter-fraternity council that the Hub has seen. Aside from this, they have plans under way that will assure the chapter of funds to carry on with community projects as well as assure chapter representation at the Atlanta Conclave, where they will have considerable to say about a constructive program for the national body.

Bro. Everett Yates, district representative, is doing a most commendable job in his capacity and is largely responsible for the largest percentage of financial Omega men in Eta Phi in years. We are exceedingly proud of Bro. Yates for despite the heavy responsibilities of Sub-Master in the Boston Public Schools, he still finds time for the Fraternity.

GEORGE W. GOODMAN,
Chapter Editor.

Phi Phi Chapter, Richmond, Va.

Dear Brothers:

The following is the executive Staff of Phi Phi Chapter:

Basileus J. E. Segear
Vice-Basileus Theodore Hamlett
Keeper of Records & Seals J. T. Bright

Keeper of Finance Dr. W. J. Pettis
Chaplain Dr. J. Conway Wilson
Keeper of Peace Dr. W. W. Jones

Under the guidance of our Basileus, J. E. Segear, Phi Phi Chapter has been carrying on very successfully since last September. By the time the conclave convened eighteen brothers were financial and active. Recently eleven other brothers have come under dispensation, making a total of twenty-nine.

Soon Phi Phi Chapter will hold a joint initiation with Zeta Chapter at which time nineteen will see the light.

On March 15th, we gave a banquet in honor of our wives and sweethearts. This banquet was given at Slaughter's Hotel and was put over in true Omega Style—"Nuff said."

We recently gave a Smoker in honor of Grand Bas. Oxley. This was indeed an enjoyable event. Not only did we enjoy ourselves at cards and with bottled refreshments, but our Grand Basileus delivered to us an inspiring address.

We are planning to present the Union University Players under the direction of Bro. Arthur Davis, in "Dulcy," a drama in three acts. Bro. Bright is chairman of the committee on arrangements for this affair. The proceeds from this enterprise will go toward strengthening our treasury.

We are proud that at the last conclave our Grand Basileus appointed our delegate, Bro. J. T. Bright, a District Representative. We pledge our support to him in his work. Brother Bright recently attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Conference in Petersburg.

Our delegate to the State Conference which convenes in Lynchburg next month will be Bro. J. B. Deans.

Phi Phi's Spring Prom will be June 7, 1935. We regret that two of our brothers, D. C. Deans and W. J. Pettis are on the sick list. We sincerely hope for their speedy recovery so that they can be back with us soon.

In closing, we extend best wishes to Omega Psi Phi everywhere. We will let you hear from us again soon.

CLARENCE T. WRIGHT,
Chapter Editor.

Gamma Omega Chapter, Lynchburg, Virginia

Just a word to the brothers in Omega to inform them that Gamma Omega at this writing is all steamed up and ready to send our state-wide conference over with a bang! We are happy to report to our brothers that this has been for Gamma Omega the most eventful year she has had for seasons. Just to name a few items, we have carried out a full program this year including our Negro Achievement, interesting the local and national officials in organizing troops in this city for Negro Boy Scouts, our Memorial Day, and now we approach the state-wide conference which we invited to meet with us May 17-18.

The spirit of fellowship in our various meetings, smokers, and general social gatherings has been all that one could wish. We rejoice at our year's success and pledge ourselves to make next year even more successful.

In the last issue of the Oracle Brothers T. J. Fawcett and R. Walter Johnson were introduced to you as men doing things in Gamma Omega. At this writing we present two more.

Brother J. A. Jordan is well known and much loved, not only in the ranks of Omega, but throughout the city and the state. The following list will determine whether or not Brother Jordan is a true son of Omega. These are his activities:

1. English teacher, Dunbar High School, Lynchburg, Va.
2. President, Board of Management of Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A.
3. Chorister of Court Street Baptist Church.
4. Teacher of Men's Bible Class.
5. Orchestra and band organizer.
6. Photographer with years of experience.
7. Interested in civic affairs, fraternal and religious organizations.

We also have Brother C. W. Seay. Though much Brother Jordan's junior, nevertheless a live wire in his community. The following represent his activities:

1. Teacher of French, Dunbar High School, Lynchburg, Va.
2. A member of Speakers' Bureau—State Teachers' Association.
3. President, Western Division State Scholastic Athletic Association.
4. Athletic Coach, Dunbar High School.

Basileus, Gamma Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The aim of every man in Omega in Lynchburg is to do something noteworthy in his community.

Fraternally yours,

J. R. WILLIAMS,
Chapter Editor.

Delta Alpha Chapter, Dayton, Ohio

Greeting, Brothers:

Delta Alpha speaks again with that old brotherly spirit that cannot be forgotten. First, we want to commend all the Brothers that were fortunate enough to be present at the recent Conclave, for their efforts in selecting such staunch leaders for the ensuing year. Ye old humble scribe was unable to be present in body but in soul and mind was there a hundred per cent, with the prevailing thought that Omega shall reign supreme.

The Chapter was represented by Brothers Lewis and Reid, who brought back the doings of Omega at the Conclave in all its splendor. And with such enthusiasm that a number of the Brothers are planning to make the next Conclave down in the Good Old Southland.

Looking over the activities of Delta Alpha for the last few months we find that never-to-be-forgotten Memorial program in honor of our late Brother Young. Not being able to secure a speaker the Brothers held the service at Zion Baptist Church, one of the largest in the city, under the leadership of Bro. (Rev.) McNeil, the pastor. The chapter was well represented with a hundred per cent turnout supported by a number of visiting Brothers from Upsilon. Brother G. W. Reed gave the Memorial address, Brother Yancy from Upsilon gave a brief history of Col. Young, and Brother McNeil delivered an inspiring sermon emulating those who have gone before us in the name of Omega.

At the regional in Cleveland at Zeta Omega, Delta Alpha again blossomed forth with quite a representation and was exceedingly glad to mingle with other aspiring sons of Omega. We salute you, Zeta Omega, in making it possible for Omega men again to gather in such blissful harmony.

On her sick list Delta Alpha has our good Brother Reed who underwent a major operation successfully and now is back on the job.

Now we must say adieu, extending our congratulations to our graduates of the year. So until the next issue Delta Alpha re-wraps her blanket of words, and settles down to another quarter of achievement.

Fraternally yours,

A. WILLIAM ELLIS.

Eta Alpha Chapter

Although organized only a very short time before the St. Louis Conclave, Eta Alpha Chapter has inaugurated an ambitious program. The Chapter is made up of professional men living in the area of Jefferson City, Columbia, Fulton, and Sedalia, Missouri.

The roster is as follows:

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| Dr. Harry R. Boffman..... | Basileus |
| H. Monroe Purnell..... | Keeper of Records and Seals |
| Dr. Albert A. Kildare..... | Keeper of Finance |
| William B. Jason..... | Keeper of Peace |
| James G. McMorries..... | Chaplain |
| Thomas F. Fletcher..... | Chapter Editor |
| Roland L. Wiggins..... | Dr. Edward A. Young |
| Dr. Lee R. McAllister..... | Cecil A. Blue |

Charles P. Lucas

Brother Jason is the Dean of Lincoln University; Brother McMorries is Dean of Men; Brothers Blue and Fletcher constitute the English Department; and Brother Kildare is Professor of Physics at the same institution. Brother Lucas is a teacher in the Sedalia High School, and Brothers Wiggins and Purnell are teachers in the Columbia High School. Brother McAllister is a practicing dentist in Columbia, while Brother Young follows the same profession in Fulton. Brother Boffman, our Basileus, practices medicine in Columbia.

Eta Alpha is offering a Scholarship to a worthy High School graduate of the class of 1935, said scholarship to be used at Lincoln University and to be awarded to the young man who seems most promising and worthy of help in the classes of the cities represented by our roster.

THOMAS FORTUNE FLETCHER,

Chapter Editor.

Theta Alpha Chapter, Dallas, Texas

The brothers of Dallas, Texas, sensing the needs of our community and the race at large, saw fit to bind themselves together into another loyal chapter of Omega. After many weeks of persistent effort on the part of several loyal brothers, our chapter, Theta Alpha, was organized at the Maria Morgan Branch of the Y. W. C. A. on Monday night, April 29th.

Brother H. P. Carter, our district representative, came up from

Houston, Texas, to set up our chapter.

Other chapters in the state were invited to attend our exercises. A number of brothers from our neighbor chapter in Ft. Worth, Texas, came to fraternize with us.

The following brothers were inducted into office:

Bro. Geo. L. Allen, Basileus; Bro. Holmer Browne, Vice-Basileus; Bro. Charles Fillmore Fields, Keeper of Records and Seal; Bro. W. T. Burke, Keeper of Finance; Bro. Cecil Andrews, Keeper of Peace; Bro. Leonard Mitchell, Chaplain; Bro. J. K. Miller, Editor.

The repast was one that the brothers will not soon forget. Bro. Jack Thompson was thanked by all for having our menu prepared so splendidly.

Under the able leadership of our invincible basileus, Bro. Allen, Omega is truly to make an upward trend in all our undertakings in our city.

CHAS. FILLMORE FIELDS,

Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lampados Club, West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va.

Once again the members of the Lampados Club send their greetings to all the big brothers and pledgee brothers of all other chapters. We have been carrying on the great work, exemplifying at all times the Omega spirit. During this year we have successfully accomplished many of our aims. On the first day of the year we distributed printed copies of ten beneficial New Year's resolutions to each student of the West Virginia State College.

Our volley-ball and basketball teams entered their respective intramural tournaments; although we did not win the tournament we exemplified good sportsmanship, manhood and perseverance throughout.

We helped the big brothers with their ninth annual spring frolic held in Manhattan Hall, April 12, 1935. It was a gala affair and it certainly gave us something to look forward to.

A check on our outgoing mail would have shown that our "Drop-A-Card Movement" for Easter and Mother's Day accomplished great results.

We are now planning projects for the ensuing year. Outside our regular program we have thus far planned a "Welcome Program" for the incoming students of this college.

We are doing all that is within our power to exemplify the true Omega spirit and we are coming closer to our goals as the days go by. We are still traveling down that narrow and straight path and, until we have crossed the burning sands, we bid you good-bye.

LINCOLN DIUGUID,

Club Editor.

Lampados Club, Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas

Dear Big and Little Brothers Everywhere: We Lamps of Sigma Psi Chapter down here in Austin, Texas, are hoping that every one of you will have had a happy and very successful school year. To those who are not wearing caps and gowns this year we hope that you will be able to be back in your respective schools the next coming school year, and to those who are fortunate enough to wear caps and gowns this year, we wish you success in any field that you may undertake after getting out into the large world.

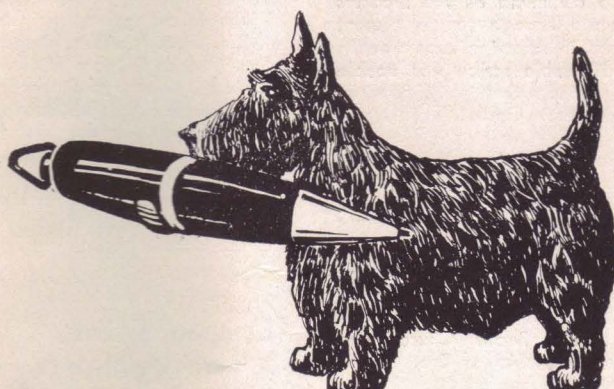
Every one of us can say that we have been greatly benefitted by being a member of the Lampados Club. The rules and principles of the organization have truly affected us in many ways and we are trying to qualify all we know how to become a big brother.

In a way of introduction I shall give you each of our names and a little information concerning our activities. I shall begin with our Chief Executive, Brother Quinton Graham, who is an excellent bass singer and member of the College Choir; Bro. Marion McMillan, leading baritone of the Choir, and is our treasurer; Bro. David Mitchell, our business manager, a great football player, a whale of a basketball player, and would-be king of the trumpet were it not for Louis Armstrong; Bro. William "Tip" Coefield, our Chaplain, a very good football player. A monkey can't handle a cocoanut any better than he can a basketball; Bro. Carlton Taylor, our secretary, a pianist as well as a member of the choir; Bro. Doward Paige, member of the basketball team; Bro. LaRue Bradshaw, story writer extraordinary; and lastly the writer, who is one of the main-stay tenors of the choir.

Yours for success,

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A SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION FOR NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

An Achievement Week Committee with the Director as the Chairman.
A Scout Committee to Discover and List the Various Meetings that will occur during Achievement Week.
A Publicity Committee to keep before Churches, Clubs, and Various Organizations the Activities of the Week.

A Finance Committee, A Radio Committee, An Award Committee, A Speakers' Bureau, An Interracial Committee to Reach White Groups, A Committee on Business Tour.
The heads of these various committees would constitute the Program Committee.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 10, 11:00 a. m.—A Sermon to the Negro Business Men of the Community.
4:00 p. m.—A Reception for Negro Business Men, General Public Invited to Attend; Some Outstanding Business Man of Some Other Community as a Special Guest.
Mon., Nov. 11, 8:00 p. m.—A Musical Program with an Admission Charge to Finance the Effort; the Printed or Mimeographed Program to Contain Advertisements of Various Negro Business Establishments.
Tues., Nov. 12, 8:00 p. m.—A Radio Program on the Rise of the Negro in Business.
Wed., Nov. 13, 8:00 p. m.—A Mass Meeting, Symposium, and Business Exhibit, Negro Business Directories to be Distributed.
Thurs., Nov. 14, 8:00 p. m.—A Radio Program on Opportunities for the Negro to Engage in Business.
Fri., Nov. 15—A Business Tour (Inspection of Business, White and Black, that Negroes Support).
Oratorical Contest, Open or Closed, as the Local Chapter Co-operating with the District Representative may Decide.

(Where there are sufficient undergraduate Omega men, the contest should be closed and made regional. In communities like St. Louis, where there is no undergraduate Chapter, the contest should be open. However, we are leaving that matter for the Local Chapter and for the District Representative to decide.)

A SUGGESTED THEME FOR THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Pioneers in Negro Business

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Sat.—A Business Tour by Citizens of the Community (Inspection of Business, White and Black, that Negroes Support).

Sun., Nov. 17, 4:00 p. m.—Certificate or Medal Awards to Three Outstanding Business Men in the Community with Appropriate Public Exercises.

THE ESSAY CONTEST

For Undergraduate College and High School Students

COLLEGE GROUP

The contestant may write upon any subject. The following are suggested:
The Economic Status of the American Negro in 1835 and 1935.
The Construction Business Among Negroes.
How the National Negro Business League Has Stimulated Negro Business.
Why Negroes Have Failed in Business.
Negro Manufacturers.
Negro College Men as Builders of Business.

The Negro's Achievement in the Insurance Business.
How the Negro Church Has Stimulated Negro Business.
The essays submitted by the college group must show some originality and thought based upon observation as well as research.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

The high school contestants must write upon one of the following subjects:
Negro Business in My Community.
Negro Builders in Business.
The Negro Woman in Business.

AWARDS

The awards for the Oratorical Contests will be determined by and offered by the Local Chapters conducting such contests.

College

1st—\$25, Gold Medal, and Journal of Negro Life and History or Journal of Negro Education (1 yr.).
2nd—\$10 and Journal of Negro Life and History or Journal of Negro Education (1 yr.).
3rd—Woodson: The Negro in Our History.
4th—Woodson: The Negro Professional Man and the Community.
5th—Woodson: The Miseducation of the Negro.
6th—Any Newspaper of Contestant's Choice (1 yr.).
7th—The Crisis (1 yr.).
8th—Negro Year Book (1 yr.).

A suggested bibliography will be mailed upon request to any contestant who will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the same.

Each winner will also receive the "ORACLE" for one year.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. The contest begins Monday, June 17, 1935, and closes Saturday, October 12, 1935. Essays may be submitted at any time between these dates; but none will be accepted that are postmarked later than midnight, October 12, 1935.
2. All essays submitted shall contain at least one thousand and not more than three thousand words.
3. All essays shall be plainly written or typed on one side of the paper. All pages must be numbered. Each contestant must write name, address, and school on a card, place it in a sealed envelope and attach it to the upper left-hand corner of the top sheet of the essay. The contestant's name must not appear on any page of the essays. The envelopes with the name cards will not be opened until the essays have all been judged. Use a pen

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4. Essays submitted are not to have been copyrighted or published in any form.
5. No manuscript will be returned.
6. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity reserves the right to publish any manuscript.
7. The awards are made upon the basis of research, thought, observation, analysis, originality, and literary merit.
The essays are to be mailed to Herman Dreer, Director of the Achievement Project, 4335 Cote Brillante, St. Louis, Mo. The awards will be announced during National Negro Achievement Week.

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