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## Theta Centennial Pledge Class



Proud of their new Beta Pledge pins, the pledges pose for a picture. Kneeling from left to right are: Purdy, Davenport, and Eiken. Seated are: Jagger, Day, Spurling, and Metz. Standing from left to right are: Chaney, Dove, Van Buren, Bright, Lilly, Cooper, Smith, Mayer, Hitt, McClintock.

## EIGHTEEN MEN PLEDGED BY THETA FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS

The undergraduate chapter pledged 18 top men for the 100th anniversary class of 1953 during the rushing season at the beginning of school this fall.

Under the direction of vice president Bill Littick for the second year, the chapter managed to clear the field by taking the top freshman as pledges. Other members of the Rush Committee headed by Littick are: Dan Ransom, Bill Long, Henry Anderson, Bix Newhard, Robert Johnson, Bob Freitag, and Tom Taylor.

The committee and the chapter pledged men that boast a combined total of approximately 60 high school varsity letters, five class offices, and seven memberships in national honor societies.

These new men are as following:

WILLIAM W. BRIGHT, TORONTO.

THEODORE R. CHANEY, LONDON. He is the son of Robert L.

Chaney, '30.

GROVER C. COOPER, CHEVY CHASE, MD.

RICHARD L. DAY, NEW PHILADELPHIA.

RICHARD L. DAVENPORT, HAMILTON.

DAVID R. DOVE, son of Bob Davenport '28, grandson of Franklin R. Davenport '02, and a

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## Homecoming Day Set For Nov. 5

University officials have set November 5, as Homecoming Day and the undergraduates of Theta have made a full schedule of entertainment for the returning alumni.

The university weekend gets off to an early start with a trustees' meeting Friday morning at Stuyvesant Hall. At 6:00 pm, the Alumni Congress dinner will be held in Stuyvesant, also.

Breakfast for the Alumni Fund Council will be held at the Temporary Union Building at 8:15 am. Then at 10:00 the secretaries of the reunion classes will meet in the Alumni Office.

### Sockman Speaks In Chapel

Dr. Ralph Sockman will return to his alma mater to speak in chapel on Saturday morning. In case you might have forgotten, we still have chapel at 11:00. This is one chapel we don't want to miss because of the excellent talks by Dr. Sockman. The alumni won't want to miss attending chapel this day either!

### Beta House Luncheon

Although there are several luncheons planned, you won't find a better crowd or better food than the Beta house will afford you. Here is a chance to see your classmates and be helped to large plates of good Beta food. (Incidentally, one thing on the menu is NOT ham—especially after so many comments given in previous years!)

The chapter house is open to alumni and their guests and wives the entire day.

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## 18 New Pledges

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nephew of both T. C. Dove '02, and Gordon Nieburg '30.

RICHARD E. EIKEN, LOUISVILLE, KY.

RICHARD E. HITT, BEREAS.

DONALD W. JAGGER, NEW YORK, N. Y.

EDWIN J. LILLY, LONDON.

RICHARD W. MCCLINTOCK, LANCASTER.

CHARLES MAYER, PORT WASHINGTON, N. Y.

WILLIAM HOWARD METZEL, EAST LANSING, MICH.

ROBERT S. NEFF, DAYTON.

CLAYTON C. PURDY, GROSSE POINTE, MICH. Purdy comes from a Beta family at the University of Michigan. He has two cousins and an uncle from that chapter.

VINCENT B. SMITH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOHN W. SPURLING, LOUISVILLE, KY.

STANLEY K. VAN BUREN, CAREY.

Dick Eiken won the Mitre Cup of DuPont Manual high school in Louisville, while Davanport was awarded the Harvard honors. V. Baker Smith won the Michigan award for all schools in Washington while Ted Chaney copped an award for the highest scholastic average for four years among the men in his high school. Three

## "WHAT! AGAIN?" "YES, AGAIN"

Ever since the end of the war, the undergraduates have been trying to rejuvenate the alumni files. They have dreamed up countless numbers of forms and have sent many out to you to be filled in and returned.

Now, with the beginning of this school year, we have just one more questionnaire to send you. This one is tried and true. And what is important, it has spaces for three addresses for you so that the *Theta Data* will follow you should you move and forget to give the chapter your new address.

So, once again, we are asking you to fill out just one more questionnaire. Thanks, alumni!

## "Theta," Says Sneed "Is Beta Inspiration"

At the National Convention, Earl Sneed, Jr. *Oklahoma* '34, Scholarship Chairman, said in his report that Theta is "an inspiration to all other chapters of Beta Theta Pi," as the result of our moving from last year's ranking of 55 out of 93 Beta chapters to the present ranking of ninth place.

On the campus, Beta ranks second with an average of 2.8 (B+) compared to the average of the total fraternity men at 2.6.

## BROWN RESIGNS HIS POST

George M. Brown *Ohio* '31 long-time chief of District IX resigned his post, it was announced at the National Convention David O. Richards *Dension* '45, will succeed him as district chief.

pledges went to Buckeye Boys' State, and all saw service in honoraries and clubs while in high school.

## TWO NEW BETA CHAPTERS GRANTED CHARTERS NOW

Among the actions taken by the National Convention held in Greenwood Springs, Colorado, from September 6-10, was the granting of charters to groups at Sewanee and Michigan State.

Three undergraduate and two alumni members of Theta attended the convention. Bill Hazlett '32 and "Bo" Littick '12 were delegates of the Beta Theta Pi clubs at Chicago and Zanesville respectively.

Bill Littick, "Bo's" son, was chapter delegate Henry Anderson and Bill Schardt attending also.

JOHN E. HALLIDAY, JR. '29 writes that he hopes to have a son at OWU in 1951. John is an attorney with Switzer and Halliday in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Author of *Central Basin of Appalachian Geosyncline* and numerous other articles relating to geology of the Appalachian region is ROBERT C. LAFFERTY '28. Bob is a petroleum geologist and lives at 4007 Staunton Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia.

Phi Beta Kappa EUGENE V. BUSLER '35 is a lawyer with McDermott and Associates in Mansfield, Ohio. He and his wife, Margaret, live at 370 South Linden Road.

Now a student at Western Reserve Law School is MARION T. BUGHMAN '39. Marion has two daughters and resides at 10903 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, O.

Another student at Western Reserve Law School is HAL A. FAUSNAUGH '48. Hal and his western bride, Agnes (Parks) Fausnaugh live in Cleveland at 4117 East 154th Street.

## What Basement? It's The Lower Level Now

No longer does the basement of 39 West Lincoln Street resemble the Black Hole of Calcutta!

The new "lower level" no longer is called the cellar, for the undergraduate chapter succeeded in giving it a much-needed face lifting.

One of the last steps taken last spring by the chapter was to vote that each member at school donate five (5) dollars from money earned during the summer months towards funds to rejuvenate this part of the house.

A Delaware contractor stopped water seepage in the basement rooms and then the undergraduates rolled up their sleeves to begin painting and touching up. The former recreation room (now called the west lounge if you please) was repainted in blue and pink. The ceiling was done in a soft rose and the walls were finished in a starlight blue. The floor was painted a utilitarian gray with the fireplace a brick red.

Furnishings for the room were found by visiting auctions and various rooms of the house. During the summer, the chapter wrote to many famous Betas for autographed pictures to be placed in the room. Almost all of these loyal brothers responded and the resulting hall of fame had great effect during Rush Week.

The hallway was whitewashed by chapter Tom Sawyers and a plaster board ceiling gave a much needed lift. The back room was painted green and the ping pong table placed there.

All in all, the chapter is proud of the new look given the basement and is anxious to have your comments during Homecoming!

## Homecoming Nov. 5

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Selby Stadium will see the Bishops wallop Mt. Union for the annual gridiron classic.

After the game, you will want to walk around to see the familiar old sights and the Homecoming decorations of the Greek-letter groups.

### Thornhill to Play

For the annual Homecoming dance, Claude Thornhill and his orchestra has been engaged to play. The dance will be held in Edwards Gymnasium and will start at 8:30 pm.

Open house for all of our alumni, their wives, and friends will be held Saturday night during the dance.

All of the alumni are urged to return to Ohio Wesleyan for this gala celebration. Be sure to mark Saturday, November 5, on your calendar now!

Telegraph editor of the *Arizona Times*, FREDERICK T. CUBBAGE '21 makes his home at Glendale, Arizona.

The first Chief of Staff of Jane Case Hospital at Delaware was EUGENE BIRCH WILLEY '24, now a Feed Manufacturer in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Another educator is RUSSELL H. ERVINE '07, Superintendent of the Euclid (Ohio) school system. Brother Ervine is very active in civic affairs, being President of the Steubenville Rotary Club and the Little Theatre Guild.

President of the Kenton (Ohio) Lions Club and Director of the Chamber of Commerce, STERLING LEON PFEIFFER '38 is with the Pfeiffer Glass and Paint Company.

## What Our Theta Are Doing Today

JOHN BENJAMIN PHILLIPS '06 teacher in Zanesville, Ohio, is also the supervisor of visual education.

FRANK BAIN MAHON '13, writer with the Jam Handy Organization in Detroit, Michigan, resides at 531 Westchester Way in Birmingham, Michigan. No word as yet from his brother PAUL T. '11.

Another partially-heard from family is the MILLERS. We heard from EARL L. '22 of 2823 North 21st Place, Phoenix Arizona, but have not heard from his brother, FLOYD V. '28 and his nephew ROBERT M. COPPER '45.

WILLIAM McCULLOCH MILLER '31, commercial manager of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in Columbus, Ohio, is President of the Rotary Club of Columbus. Bill and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, make their home at 1387 Doten Avenue in Columbus.

Another member of the class of '31 located in Columbus is WARREN C. ARMSTRONG. Warren, a lawyer, and his family reside at 3960 Riverside Drive.

WILLIAM ALLEN HAZLETT '32, special agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Chicago writes, "Congratulations on the fine showing Theta Chapter is making!" Bill, President of Alpha Alumni Chapter Beta Theta Pi, sent us many names and addresses of brothers in the Chicago area. He also asked, "Does CHARLES ALBERT LEE ROY MCFARLAND 29 live out here?" Yes, CHARLES ALBERT LEE ROY MCFARLAND does live there. His address is 1610 North Mason Street, Chicago.

## NEWS FROM BROTHERS EVERYWHERE

RUSSELL FRANK AMRHEIN '31, Senior Probation Officer of Los Angeles County, California writes, "Have been more than interested in Theta's current standing on the campus as reviewed in your very interesting Theta Data! All power to your great chapter." Russell went on to say, "Occasionally I attend the Southern California Alumni Association of Beta but find thus far that I'm the only Theta member present." Well Russ, you'll find a comparably newcomer to Southern California in JAMES DANIEL PARKER, JR. '32, of 531 Edward Street, El Cajon, California. Jim has been looking for a good connection, preferably with small loan and saving company.

Every student should be familiar with PHILLIP PRENTICE MOULTON '31, Executive Secretary, University Division of the Federal Council of Churches. Brother Moulton, a Phi Beta Kappa and ODK while in school, resides at 74 St. Marks Place in New York City.

President of Greenville (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce and city councilman is JEROME HAMILTON GOUBEUX '29, a lawyer with Goubeaux and Goubeaux. The other member of this Beta firm is brother EDWARD A. GOUBEUX '28.

Author of many pagents, REV. JAMES ALLEN KESTLE '24 is the minister of the Franklin Street Methodist Church at Johnstown, Pa.

### A BANNER HEADLINE

**A newspaper man knows that the story under banner headline is bound to be top-notch news in any man's language. Well, page four of the next issue of the 'DATA' will carry this same banner headline and fill the whole of page four with "News From Brothers Everywhere."**

**Help us write this page by sending in your blue questionnaire today.**

Prominent Beta eulogizer CLARENCE NELSON CONE '14 is a manufacturer's representative in Haverford, Pa. Brother Cone you will remember wrote, *Miami Mother of Betas*, and numerous articles for the Beta magazine.

Holder of the "Albert W. Whitney Memorial Fellowship" in Safety Education at New York University is STANTON C. MINOR '38. Brother Minor has completed all course and residence requirements for his doctor's degree and is now working on his dissertation. His wife Winifred is the holder of several A.A.U. Diving Titles.

RAYMOND M. CHESELDINE '14 of Chevy Chase, Maryland is the author of *Ohio In The Rainbow*, History of the 166th Infantry.

President of the Volusia County Bar Association and also of the Kiwanis Club of Daytona Beach, Florida is HORACE DUNN RIEGLE '23.

# HOMECOMING NOVEMBER 5

**You won't want to miss a single feature of this weekend Here's the day to visit with classmates, see your chapter of today, watch the Bishops wallop Mt. Union, and enjoy your Theta hospitality. Make your plans for this weekend NOW!**