

# The Theta Data

BETA THETA PI AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



101st Year

January, 1955

## 28 Hopefuls Pledged By Theta Chapter



Theta's 28: left to right: first row, Frank Dove, Bob Wickes, Clayton Carver, Dan Evans and Tom Barnes; second row, Joel Allerhand, Sid Foster, George Marth, Roger Padwe, Chuck Cozier and Jerry McAfee; third row, Bud Sloan, Terry Taylor, Dick Colver, Andy Nicholson, Pat Shields, Junior Harris, Dale Denny, Brad Boen and Dave Carver; fourth row, Bud Hissong, Dick Currie, John Mutersbaugh, Chuck Woods, Ed Geiger, Doc Hyatt, Bob Groshok and Bill Giffin.

By Rupe Doan '55

### Littick Named Chief Of District XII

By Dave Weisman '57

Brother William O. Littick, Theta '50, was appointed Assistant General Secretary (District Chief) of District XII at the 115th General Convention this past summer. Bill, appointed to his new post by General Secretary Seth R. Brooks, replaces James M. Black, Case '39.

Littick is a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and was president of Theta Chapter during the spring term in 1950.

A new idea instituted by the District Chief, which he has already utilized at all five chapters in the District, is the Chapter Assembly Plan. At Theta, the Assembly  
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That is right brothers, **twenty-eight!** No, it is not a rumor — Theta Chapter pledged twenty-eight of the finest prospects to come on Wesleyan's campus in years. When rush week was over we looked around at our newly won neophytes. There were brothers pinching themselves, others jumping up and down and cheering, and the skeptical admitted the worth of wearing coats and ties for a solid week! We have eight legacies in the class and five from our chapter.

The spoils of victory include: Joel Allerhand, Thomas Barnes, Bradley Boen, Clayton Carver, \*David Carver, Richard Colver, \*\*Charles Cozier, \*\*Richard Currie, Dale Denny, \*\*Franklin Dove, Daniel Evans, Sidney Foster, Edward Geiger, William Giffin, Robbert Groshok,

Urlin Harris, Willis Hissong, Meredith Hyatt, George Marth, Gerald McAfee, \*\*John Mutersbaugh, Andrew Nicholson, Roger Padwe, Patrick Shields, Morrell Sloan, \*\*Terrence Taylor, Robert Wickes, \*Charles Woods. The credit goes to the whole chapter, the alumni, and particularly to the Rushing Committee.

Bertram Bennett, Knox '20, president of Beta Theta Pi, will address Theta Chapter's Winter Homecoming Banquet on Saturday evening, February 12, 1955.

Editor's Note: \* Legacy; \*\*Theta Legacy.

The Rushing Committee this year re-evaluated and revamped our  
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Charles F. Glander . . . Editor

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## Dan Rich Receives Watson Award

By Dave Boyle '55

" . . . each winner of the award is to be chosen for his unusual and outstanding service to the welfare and progress of the chapter. He must be a member of the active



Dan  
Rich  
'55

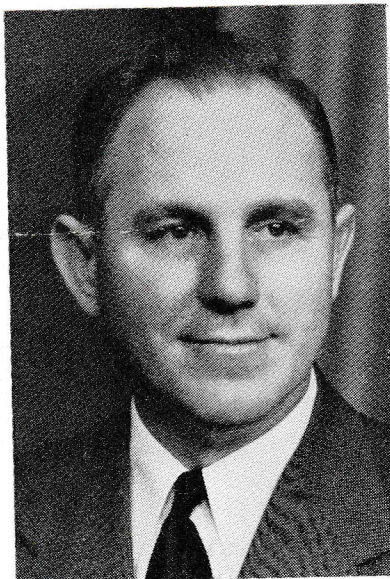
chapter who has contributed enthusiastically and unreservedly throughout his first three years in the university and to an exceptional degree in the maintenance of the strength and standards of Theta Chapter . . ."

These words describe the Watson Award presented last May to Dan Rich, a senior this year from Washington, D. C. The Award was presented to Dan by Burleigh Cartmell, Theta Chapter's faculty advisor and a close friend of Robert Watson, in whose memory the award is made.

Dan is a pre-theological major and upon graduation, plans to attend Boston School of Theology. He has been outstanding in his contributions to the Chapter, having served a term as Chapter Secretary, after which he moved up to assume the duties of Vice-President.

Dan has helped Theta maintain her high place in intramurals by participating in football and track.

## Death Claims Brother Allan Long



Allan C. Long, '22, died November 9, 1954, in Jane M. Case Hospital, Delaware, Ohio, of a heart attack. He was 55.

Brother Long was a member of his family's fourth generation of horse breeders. He spent six years at the White Star stock farm near Delaware before moving to Lexington, Kentucky, where he directed the breeding program for the Dixiana Farm, owned by Charles P. Fisher of the Fisher Body Company.

In 1938, Brother Long laid the foundation for the Louis B. Mayer stable when he went to Europe to purchase horses for the motion picture magnate's new farm. He returned to Delaware in 1941 where he spent the rest of his life. This year Brother Long became associated with the Delaware Farmers Exchange, after holding a position as salesman for a firm manufacturing and distributing pre-fabricated barns since his retirement from horse breeding work in 1949.

Brother Long is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Crates Long, who is associated with the **Ohio Wesleyan Magazine**; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Mauck of Columbus, wife of Robert Mauck, Theta '48; three sons, Albert C. of Huntington, Long Island, Thomas R. of Cleveland, and William A. of Middletown, all Theta '51; his mother Mrs. Estella Long of Delaware; and three grandchildren.

## PLEDGES

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whole rushing program, and the resultant pledge class was far beyond our highest expectations. Under the noble leadership and effort of our Rush Chairman, Paul Nobis, the chapter exerted all energies to laying the foundation for rush week by personally corresponding with each prospective rushee several times. Countless hours of work were spent on creating a personal file on each prospect so that the chapter was completely versed on each and every man that came through the doors during rush-week. We feel that every man worked to his fullest capacity on our rush program. We would like at this point to thank the alumni for the inexpressible cooperation rendered the chapter during rushing. Brothers, the recommendations and personal help received from the alumni was the finest I have ever seen. We thank you most sincerely, and your expressed concern in our rushing program was extremely encouraging.

The new class appears to be well rounded and versatile, coupling academics and extra-curricular activities with great success. The high school records of these men upon graduation showed four in the highest tenth, achieving the national honor society; ten in the upper quarter; ten in the second quarter; and four in the third quarter. Their high school records revealed that the class has talents including music, athletics, and organizational activities.

It remains to be seen how they will develop in the next four years, and we cannot begin to measure their college success at this early date. However, they have started in great fashion, with two men on the varsity teams this fall, two men on J.V. teams, seven on student government committees, and every man in at least two extra-curricular activities on campus. The mid-semester grades of the pledge class show that no man is in serious trouble and the general trend is such that you alumni should see twenty-eight men become Brothers at initiation time. We shall hope, and help our pledges toward the realization of this objective!

Mrs. R. M. Cheseldine, widow of Colonel Raymond M. Cheseldine, '14, visited briefly Jan. 11.



**INTRAMURALS**

By Kent Stolle '57

Theta's stars are shining brightly with the brilliance of her charges' performances in the intramural ranks.

Theta's football team proved almost invincible again this year. Although lacking in experience, there was no want for fight and spirit. The opening game with the Sig Alphas was an omen for Theta's rivals to beware. The victory was by only one point, but that old fire and "GO! GO! GO!" carried the Betas to the play-offs.

Phi Delta Theta managed to upset the men from 54 West Lincoln when they kicked a field goal in the closing seconds.

With a three-way tie for the league title, much depended on the drawing of opponents. Theta drew the powerful Sig Alphas for the first play-off game. After battling to a standstill, the game went into overtime. Seeming to gather a second wind, Theta's charges returned to the field to march through their foes and emerge victorious.

The thrilling finish of the Sig Alph game was to be duplicated in the second game of the play-offs. Again, the Betas were forced into overtime. This time the opponent was our jinx . . . Phi Delt.

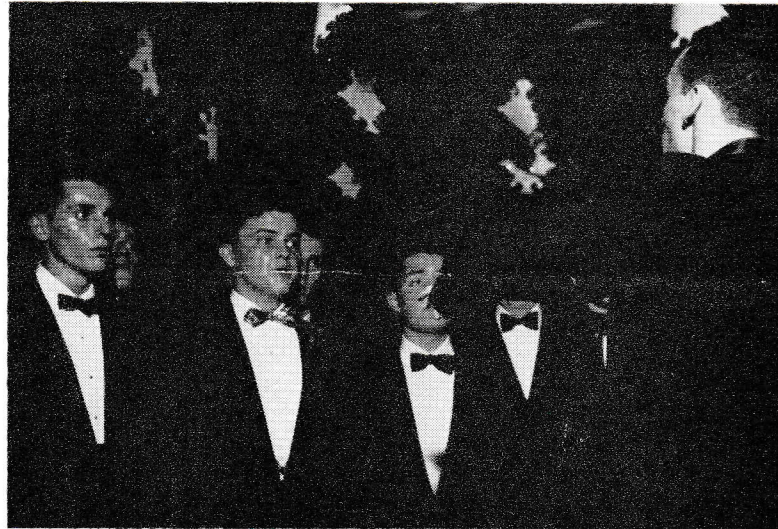
The stage then was set for the big championship encounter. Sigma Chi had breezed through their league in championship fashion while Theta had been backed to the wall and forced to fight for every yard. It seemed that Theta's team would be physically beaten before they stepped on the field.

The day of the big game dawned and for three periods the two teams battled almost evenly. Theta scored on its first set of downs and then was pressed to maintain its slim lead. Finally, the Sigs cracked and the Betas broke through and when the smoke had cleared, Beta was on the heavy end of a 26-0 score.

The chapter halls rang with cheers, for the volleyball team was sweeping toward the league title. Despite a stubborn, fighting Theta team, the Fijis won a real close battle.

With a first in football and a second in volleyball, Theta has moved out rapidly in the race for the all-year trophy. However, our success in the minor sports must be boost-

**Chapter Tunes-Up For Annual Sing**



*"Come Brothers, swell the Beta Chorus . . ."*

By Eddy Stahl '56

Theta Chapter's musical activities began in full force this fall with a serenade for the freshman women's dorms in September. This serenade, on the night of the freshman arrival, has been a tradition with Theta Chapter and was performed in the usual enthusiastic spirit.

The Pledge Open House featured the next big musical event. The small song group, consisting of 18 men, accompanied by the remainder of the chapter entertained the girls with the singing of Beta songs. Especially impressive was "Beta Stars," sung by the small song group.

ed. In other years this has proven our downfall.

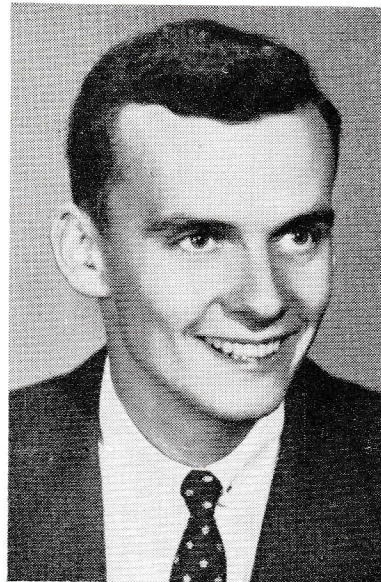
The basketball and bowling teams have begun their seasons in the usual winning form. Also, Theta won third place in the swimming meet, long a weak spot. Several men have displayed real possibilities.

The neophytes have been showing potentialities, which in the future should prove an asset to Theta Chapter. The freshmen's first victory in basketball, 34-15, is indicative of their drive and desire to place Theta on the top of Ohio Wesleyan's Campus.

We, of Theta Chapter, look forward to more victories and eventual success in the realization of one of our goals — supremacy on the campus in intramurals.

The chapter quartet, composed of Bill Giffin, Charlie Ecker, Dale Denny, and Ed Stahl, furnished the music for the Pledge Formal in October. We opened our group of songs with "Singing Again," followed by "I Whistle A Happy Tune," from **The King And I** and closed with "Beta Stars."

The small song group also performed for the Winter Formal,



**Eddy Stahl**

*"When Stars are Shining"*

singing music appropriate for the winter atmosphere. The highlights of the evening's entertainment were a special arrangement of "Green-sleeves" and the traditional "White

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## THE VARSITY

By Dave Crockett '57

Theta chapter was once again well represented in the fall sports program at Ohio Wesleyan University. Our pride and joy was freshman Bob Groshok from Pittsburgh, Pa., who received his varsity letter in cross-country. Bob was third man on the successful Wesleyan cross-country team this past fall. Bob has shown that he may become one of Ohio Wesleyan's top-flite stars in his next three years.

We are sorry to report that this fall there were no Betas on the varsity football team which compiled a 7 won and 2 lost record. But we feel that this may not be the case in the future as there were four members of Theta playing regularly on the Ohio Wesleyan's J.V. football team. Ed Geiger, from Olmsted Falls, was the starting left tackle and Chuck Cozier, from Cleveland, saw considerable action at fullback. Both of these boys are freshmen and should have a bright future as members of the varsity squad next year.

Dale Rose saw action as a wing-back and turned in some excellent games at this spot. Dave Crockett was the starting right tackle giving Theta both tackle slots on the J.V.'s. Dale and Dave are just sophomores and should also move up to the varsity next year.

Theta is well represented on this year's basketball team by a Dayton boy, Leigh Stockstill. "Stock" will see considerable action this winter on the hardwoods of the Ohio Conference.

Theta also has its share of members on the OWU swimming team this year. Bill Plavcan, from Erie, Pa., is captain and school backstroke record-holder. Letter winner Ken Rowley is back again in the sprints. Freshmen Clayton Carver is gaining experience in the sprints and should swim in some relay events before the winter is over.

The indoor track season will get underway following Christmas vacation and Theta will have two freshmen on the team. Brad Boen, one of Ohio's top sprinters in high school last year, will be a definite threat this season. Bob Groshok is carrying his running ability indoors and should be one of the top mile-run prospects.

## Doan Named Theta Prexy

By Pete Halbin '56

On November 29 the fall elections were held to determine the leadership of Theta Chapter for the next five months. The new executive committee, with college majors and hometowns indicated, is:

Pres., Rupe Doan, '55, Political Science, Cincinnati, Ohio.

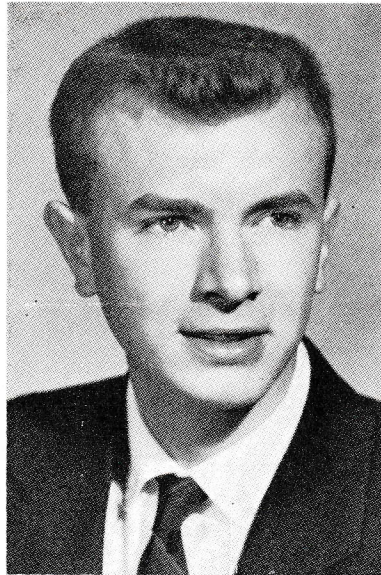
Vice Pres., Sam Pardoe, '56, Business Administration, Washington, D. C.

Secretary Keith Eiken, '57, Political Science, Louisville, Ky.

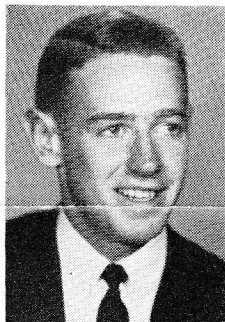
Recorder, Dave Crockett, '57, Physical Education, Dayton, O.

Tom Tatham, Treasurer, remains in office for a full year term.

The retiring executive committee was composed of Larry Linderer, President; Dan Rich, Vice President; Sam Pardoe, Secretary; and Olin Stephens, Recorder. The Chapter owes a great deal to Larry for his tremendous leadership during his term in office. The fine program he and the rest of the executive committee set up has shown great dividends as evidenced by the other articles in this issue.



Rupe Doan



Sam  
Pardoe

"The Veep"

## Dad's Day Sees OWU Victory

By Tom D. Halliday '55

A large number of Moms and especially Dads were entertained on Ohio Wesleyan's campus on October 9, annual Dad's Day. A lecture, a football game, a banquet, and a Variety Show kept the guests and undergraduates enjoyably occupied for the entire weekend.

On Friday night, Margaret Webster delivered a very brilliant lecture on Shakespeare and some of his works; whereas, athletics held the spotlight Saturday afternoon. OWU's soccer team defeated Earlham, 3-1, and the football team, after tangling with Wabash, came away victorious to the tune of 28-14.

Many parents enjoyed Theta hospitality at the banquet Saturday evening while all of us were pleased to see Theta cop first prize in the Variety Show that night. Brother Dave Cook, in our skit with two

## "Mama" Linn Enters 17th Year At Theta

By Dan Rich '55

For seventeen years now Mrs. James Linn has been Theta Chapter's house mother. Without "Mama" Linn's presence at our social functions and meals the Beta House would be sadly lacking in charm and graciousness.

We know that "Mama" Linn is one of the most pleasant memories which our alums have of their active Beta life, and we ask them to join the present active chapter in expressing a gratitude to her which is, actually, an intangible and inexpressible thing. Being a Beta at Ohio Wesleyan would be dreary without the continual cheerfulness and love which emanates from our ever-faithful "Mama".

other fraternities and a sorority, was the hit of the evening in his comic portrayal of one of Al Capone's mobsters.



## News and Notes About Alumni Through The Years

1894

**Melvin L. Milligan** celebrated his 94th birthday at his home in Springfield, Ohio, on July 28. Brother Milligan is now retired. He is a former mayor of Springfield and served as president and general manager of The Fairbanks Company. He is a member of the Ohio Bar and a Mason. Brother Milligan married the late Jennie Fairbanks, sister of the late Charles Warren Fairbanks, OWU '72, vice president of the U. S. under Theodore Roosevelt. He is the father of five children including Robert Lee Milligan, president of the Pure Oil Company.

1895

**Welles K. Stanley** is a member of a committee planning the 60th anniversary celebration of the class of 1895. Brother Stanley and his wife made a six weeks tour of Europe during the summer.

1900

The State Bar of California has honored Brother **John Wesley Shenk**, '00, for his 30 years of service as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California. The San Francisco **Chronicle** said in an editorial on April 13, "He (has) so conducted himself in his high office as to win the personal affection and professional admiration of his colleagues of the bar and bench." A former Chief Justice who was associated with Brother Shenk on the Supreme Court said, "When we come to appraise the value of the judicial service which has been rendered to the State of California by various judges throughout its history (and there have been some great ones) we will find that John Shenk stands head and shoulders above them all — in ability, integrity, industry, sound judgement and what I might call 'judicial statesmanship'."

Brother Shenk's career has been truly a distinguished one. He is the holder of a J.D. degree from the University of Michigan, and two L.L.B. degrees, one from Ohio Wesleyan and one from the University of Southern California.

1915

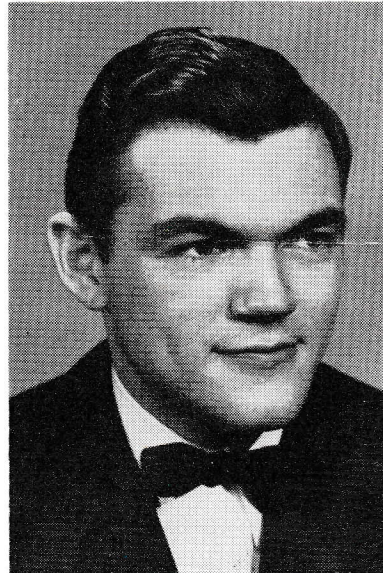
Rear Admiral **Winchell McK. Craig** visited Mexico with his wife and four children last February and was the subject of a column by the Mexico City columnist Pepe Romero on Feb. 20. Brother Craig is head of the section of neurological surgery at Mayo Clinic, professor of neurosurgery at Mayo Foundation, University of Minnesota, and alumni trustee of OWU. He is the first man in the history of the U. S. Navy to have attained the rank of rear admiral in the Reserve Medical Corps.

While in Mexico, Brother Craig addressed the Society of Neurology and Psychiatry of Mexico, giving his introduction in Spanish that he learned at Ohio Wesleyan.

1916

**Harold Craig**, secretary-treasurer of The Craig Brothers Co., Washington C. H., has been appointed to the National Board of Field Advis-

### DISTRICT CHIEF



Brother Littick

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was an open meeting of active Chapter members and pledges held on November 17. All committee chairmen submitted reports on what their committees have done and hope to do in the future. As each chairman read his report, Bill made comments and suggestions. It was a very profitable evening for all those directly concerned with Theta's future — and something that we hope will become a very worthwhile operating procedure for Theta and all Chapters in District XII.

ers to the Small Business Administration for Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan.

1920

**Dr. William Hubert Hyde** (M. D. Cincinnati) has been named president and chief of staff of Mount St. Mary Hospital, Nelsonville.

Brother **Judson S. Sayre** has been named president of Norge Division of Borg-Warner Corporation. Brother Sayre tried retirement for one year and then went back into the merchandising world in which he has been so well-known. Of his one year absence from the business world, Brother Sayre wrote, "Retirement is for the Birds." Fortune magazine has described him as "a business pearl of great price, a salesman born and executive bred who has learned to organize every step of the commercial process from design to distribution around his amazingly accurate judgment of what the public wants."

1922

**Preston H. Pumphrey** has resigned as account executive (of the

General Electric account) with Maxon, Inc., advertising firm, to become Associate in Radio Business Affairs with Columbia Broadcasting Company.

1924

**David S. Craig** (J.D., Ohio State) is a Columbus attorney and member of the faculty of the Ohio State Law School; he has one daughter.

**James Allen Kestle** (B.D., Western Theological Seminary) is pastor of a large Pittsburgh church and very prominent in various Pittsburgh Conference offices; he is in **Who's Who in Methodism**. He has a daughter who is a registered nurse and a son, **William, Theta '55**.

**Edgar S. Noland** is vice president, secretary and treasurer of The Ohio Company, investment subsidiary of The Ohio National Bank. Brother Noland is the father of two children and has four grandchildren.

1929

**Carl Ellenberger** (M.D., Western Reserve) is an ophthalmologist, Chief of Ophthalmology at Lakewood Hospital and on staffs of several other hospitals in the Cleveland area. Member of local, state, national, and international professional groups, Brother Ellenberger is married to an OWU graduate and has two children.

1931

**William E. Ireland** is vice president of the B. F. Goodrich Co. of Canada, Ltd., with offices in Kitchener, Ontario.

1947

**James N. Johnson** is manager of the Graystone Hotel in Elyria, Ohio.

1950

**Ned A. Myers**, again a civilian, is attending Valparaiso University Law School. He was on the OWU campus last spring interviewing students interested in attending law school.

**William O. Littick** has been named a trustee of the Ohio Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is an active civic leader in Zanesville, Ohio, where he is business manager of the Zanesville Publishing Company. See story on new district chief.

**Earl Cramer** received his M.D. from Tufts College in June and is interning at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland.

1951

**Albert C. Long** is associate director of television and radio with McCann Erickson, advertising agency in New York City.

**Bruce Layton** is assistant superintendent of the Electro Division of Otto Lonigslow Co., Cleveland.

1952

**H. Leslie Cramer** is an Efficiency Combustion Expert, and **Ben Graham** has a fellowship in business administration at U.C.L.A.

**Robert Canright**, again a civilian, has gone into business with his father-in-law at Koch's Market, Delaware.

1953

**Clayton C. Purdy** has been at-

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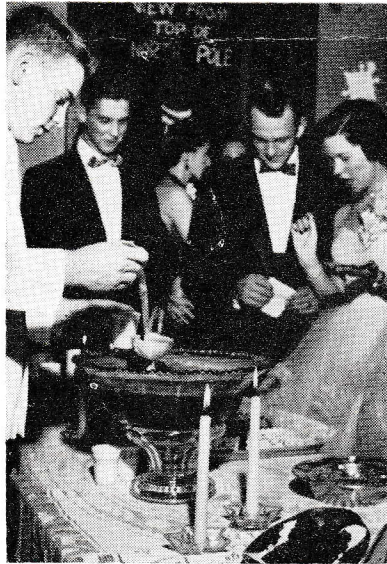


## The Social Side

By Keith Eiken '57

The social calendar for Theta has been full in every respect this fall. Our open houses, date nights, dances, and dessert parties have kept us occupied every week-end.

The Beta Breakfast and Pledge Open House were events that had



54 West Lincoln bulging at the seams. The House was so crowded for these activities that people were standing outside waiting to get in. These events again demonstrated the tremendous interest in Theta's social functions on the campus.

On one Sunday afternoon, we all left for Mingo Park for a picnic with our sister sorority, Pi Beta Phi. Although we were nearly frozen, all the brothers certainly enjoyed themselves. Volleyball, touch football, and softball were enjoyed by the entire group. The afternoon ended with the singing of the various sorority and fraternity songs.

Our winter formal this year was held on November 20 with the theme being "Arctic Ball." The House was turned into an igloo with snow, penguins, and icicles included in the decorations. The dance was a success in every conceivable way and again proved that Beta formals are best!

With the Miami Triad, Kappa Christmas Party, and Alpha Chi Omega dessert party planned in the near future, we here at Theta are expecting a full winter social season.

## Weisman Honored With Dawson Award

By Eddy Stahl '56

This year the Dawson Ring was awarded to Dave Weisman, a sophomore from Upper Arlington, Ohio. He received the ring, per tradition, at the Beta Fall Homecoming Banquet.

The Dawson ring, given in memory of Colonel William Warren Dawson, is awarded annually to the outstanding freshman in Theta's pledge class. Since Dave excelled scholastically as well as in Beta activities, he was most worthy of this honor.

We are sure that Dave will continue to make Beta as proud of him as we are now.

## MUSIC

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Christmas."

A serenade for the women's dorms was held on Saturday, December 11. The entire chapter sang Christmas carols interspersed with Beta songs.

The inter-fraternity songfest is the big musical project facing the Theta Betas this coming spring. We all have aspirations of "placing" this year and will be working diligently on the music during the second semester.

A spring serenade for the women's dorms, plus a serenade for the pinned brothers' girls at the Spring Formal will complete the highlights of the spring musical events.

## News and Notes About Alumni

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tending the U. of Michigan since his return from Korean service as a 2/Lt. in Infantry, where he had a great deal of combat duty.

### MARRIAGES

1949

Miss Bonnie Hausted to **James Hess**, '49, on August 22, in Medina Methodist Church.

1951

Miss Ann Coes, Kappa Kappa Gamma, to **William Allan Long**, August 27, in College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. Brother Long is with Gardner Board and Carton Co., Middletown.

1952

Lt. Marilyn M. Cook, USAF Nurses' Corps, to Lt. **Robert Marr Johnston**, last May in North Hill Presbyterian Church, Akron.

Miss Sarah Roby Stevenson, Kappa Kappa Gamma, '51, to Lt. **Daniel Brainerd Ventres, Jr.**, May 22, in the Chapel of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

1953

Miss Margaret R. Jones, Delta Gamma, to Lt. **Robert Stone Neff**, June 17, in First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Sally Ann Seiple, Kappa Alpha Theta, to Lt. **David Robert Dove**, June 19, in First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria.

1954

Miss Gretchen Minnich, Delta Delta Delta, to Lt. **Peter Moyer Kaufman**, June 12, in First Methodist Church, Middletown.

Miss Berneita Heyman, Delta Gamma, to Lt. **Richard DeVos**, June 16, in Congregational Community Church, Monroeville.

Miss Ann Capps Grinton, Kappa Alpha Theta, to Lt. **Paul Barto Kisseberth**, June 26, in The Church of the Saviour, Cleveland Heights.

Miss Phyllis Ann Waters, Delta Gamma, to Lt. **David Keith Thomas**, Sept. 5, in LeRoy Methodist Church.

Miss Patricia Ellen James, Kappa Kappa Gamma, to 2/Lt. **Cornelius Dee Simpson**, Sept. 25, in Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Arizona. Dee reports for active duty with the Air Force in January.

### BIRTHS

1941

A son, James Nicholl, on March 31, to Mr. and Mrs. **Chapline F. Welday**; grandson to **Wheeler J.** ('09).

1949

A daughter, Karen Gail, October 8, to Mr. and Mrs. **William M. Robinson**. Brother Robinson is with Cincinnati Milling Machine Co. in the Mechanical Engineering Training Program.

### DEATHS

1914

Colonel **Raymond M. Cheseldine** died on December 24, in Corona, California. Brother Cheseldine was 62.

1922

**Allan C. Long** died on November 9, of a heart attack. Brother Long was 55. See obituary.

1955

**Richard Allen Davies**, '55, was killed when struck by lightning while playing golf during a storm in July.



## Many Alumni Return For Homecoming

By Tom D. Halliday '55

October 23 marked a successful day for Ohio Wesleyan and especially for Theta Chapter as a large group of alumni gathered on this campus to celebrate Fall Homecoming.

The weekend was packed full of enjoyable entertainment for the many returning "old-timers" as well as for the undergraduates. On both Friday and Saturday nights, the Wesleyan Players very skillfully presented George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion"; whereas, athletic-wise, the Battling Bishops subdued Oberlin, 37-12.

Dr. Ralph Sockman, a distinguished graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, was the speaker for the Alumni Homecoming Chapel held on Saturday morning. The football game, with the queen and parade of sorority floats, followed, and the day's festivities were terminated with a very successful Homecoming Dance held Saturday night in Edward's Gymnasium.

Throughout the weekend it was estimated that 75 Theta alums stopped in at 54 West Lincoln, all seemingly very happy to return and all joyously reliving with the brothers many highlights of their college days. Theta's annual Homecoming Banquet saw 50 alumni introduced to Beta food, chapter officers, a pledge class of 28 good men, and reintroduced to many Beta songs. The presentation of the Dawson Award ended the banquet, after which a get-together of alumni and families was held in the chapter house. We of Theta were very much encouraged at the fine alumni turnout and were entertained royally by many famous Theta stories.

We want to remind you of and invite you to Ohio Wesleyan's Winter Homecoming which will be held on February 12. Many interesting events have been planned, including a swimming meet against Kenyon, defending Ohio Conference Champs, and a basketball game with Oberlin that night.

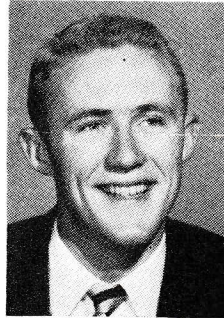
Don't miss Bertram Bennett! See you at Winter Homecoming on February 12. Watch for a letter and reservation card.

## Delegate Reports On Miami Convention

By Larry Linderer '55

The 115th Convention  
Theta Chapter Delegate

The 115th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi was held at Miami



University at Oxford, Ohio, from August 31 to September 3. For the second year in a row Theta Chapter was again well represented, being the third largest delegation at 'ol Miami with 27 actives and alumni attending.

During the week of festivities each Beta present made and renewed friendships that will last through life. It was truly a thrilling experience especially for those of us

### Financial Report Shows Improvement

By Tom Tatham '56

At the time of the May 1954 financial report there was a total surplus of \$6112. Included in this surplus was \$1422 in the house fund. Over the summer months we paid out a total of \$3000. This left us a total of approximately \$1700 entering the month of September.

During September and October we spent \$5000 which included rush week and many repairs and supplies which are necessary to get the house in shape for the year. There is no income in the month of September leaving only October income of \$3800 to cover our expenses. This immediately gave us a deficit of \$1200 for the year.

For this reason, a budget has been set up and closely followed which will show a net gain of \$200 at the end of this year.

No longer included in our financial statements, which distorted the total figure because it is unusable, is the house fund, now \$2000 and a retirement fund of \$360 for Mrs. Linn.

A possible solution to financial

problems of the future might be the use of a bill in September which would amount to half the amount of a normal month. This would show an income of approximately \$1200 — almost covering the deficit created this year by a "no bill" policy in September.

who were at our first Beta convention. All who attended will long remember those days as a pleasant, profitable, and stimulating experience. We returned to Delaware and enlightened the brothers who unfortunately couldn't make it.

The Miami Chapter was a true host and was instrumental in making our stay in Oxford very enjoyable. Although most of us spent the majority of our time in the Convention Hall, some managed to get away for a round of golf or a dip in the local pool. Among the other activities that Alpha Chapter prepared was a bus tour of the Campus and all the Beta highlights — "Old Main," the Beta Campanile, the Alpha Chapter house, and certain points of interest in Oxford.

This 115th Convention was probably one of the most exciting in the history of Beta Theta Pi. The time we spent in the Committee meetings and the Convention Hall was well spent. The business at the convention ranged from the censuring of the Kenyon Chapter to the election of Bertram Bennett, Knox '20, to follow in the footsteps of the retiring president, A. J. G. Priest. One of the highlights for Theta Chapter was the appointment of a recent Theta alum, Bill Littick, Ohio Wesleyan '50, as the Chief of District XII. Already, Bill has shown the Chapters of District XII that he is going to do an outstanding job as the new District Chief, and we're behind him all the way.

The 116th Convention of Beta Theta Pi will be held in Bedford Springs, Pa., and we are sure that Theta will again turn out in grand style.

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## House Report Warns Of Inadequate Fire Protection

By Jack Hahn '55

There were several outstanding improvements made during the summer and past few months on the house at 54 West Lincoln. As most of the brothers will testify, now that winter weather is upon us — the new gas conversion unit has been installed and has been efficiently supplying the house with warm rooms on frosty mornings. Past are the days when huge, ominous clouds of coal gas poured from the lower regions of the house when the furnace tender would forget to fill the hopper.

Gone also are the days when the old furnace would go out completely and one would first have to break the ice in the sink before shaving. Through the efforts of Morry Holtenbaugh, we also have had a new gas meter installed to give us more adequate service for the water heater, cooking and room burners. The use of gas, besides being a much more efficient way of heating, has given us the added storage space of the old coal room.

Last spring the new television room (remodeled by the undergraduates in 1952) received an entire new set of leather cushioned furniture. This included two new couches, two chairs, and four small tables in a blue and red-orange color scheme. During our open houses this fall, we have received many

compliments on the entire room.

At the same time we placed several new pieces of furniture in the east parlor which replaced our badly worn davenport. Three new floor lamps were included in the addition. Along with improvements in the parlors, new fireplace tile was placed in these rooms. This should add years of life to our vacuum cleaners! (Cleaning the parlors used to include emptying the cleaner bags of tile fragments and re-laying them.)

Four of the second floor rooms have had new carpeting laid. Besides presenting a favorable impression for rushing, it added to house safety by lessening chances of bad falls as a result of becoming entangled in the old rugs which were reduced to string at the time of replacement. Most of the buying for the aforementioned was accomplished by alumni brothers John Summers and Joe Hardy of Columbus, Ohio. More carpeting is planned for some rooms and hallways.

Because of faulty spouting and poor drainage during one of the noted Delaware summer rainstorms, the kitchen was the scene of a mass plaster cave-in during August. Roughly sixty square feet of ceiling found its way to the kitchen floor a few weeks before school started. Through some rather fast organizing, repair was accomplished. The

entire dilemma, however, turned out to be a Godsend since the old "bed-room pink" kitchen was repainted in a clean light-blue and grey-green color combination. At the time of this writing it is hoped that new floor tile will be laid during the Christmas recess.

Also under consideration is tile flooring for the basement hallway. Thanks to the effort of Bob Henshaw ('56) and others, this corridor has recently been panelled, painted, and a new stair railing built.

Because Theta's Chapter House is finished inside with great quantities of wood, many of the brothers are very conscious of what a disaster a fire could cause. Some of the rooms have adequate exit facilities; others do not. Because many other chapter houses have basically the same structure as ours, it is quite possible that sometime in the near future the university may require that some kind of fire alarm system be incorporated in each fraternity house. The fire at Kenyon College several years ago is an excellent example of the speed with which a fire can completely destroy a brick building.

Without being unduly pessimistic, I should like to call this unfavorable situation of inadequate fire warning to the attention of our conscientious alumni. May we here at the chapter have some idea as to how we may handle this problem?

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