

100th



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

APRIL 25-26, 1953

of the establishment of

THETA CHAPTER

of

BETA THETA PI

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

April 17, 1853

Sketch of Theta's Founding and Progress

ON MARCH 3, 1853, James Harvey Hills, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, was elected and initiated as a member of Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Miami University. He was promptly instructed to return to his college and there establish a chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

On April 17, 1853, he initiated four men in Beta Theta Pi. They, in turn, during the spring quarter, initiated fifteen more men.

Of the original twenty members, many became prominent in public and educational service: Elbert was Governor of Colorado, and later Chief Justice of its Supreme Court; Marshall was State Auditor of Nevada; Gatch was president of Willamette University, president of Oregon Agricultural College, and president of the University of Washington; Edwards was editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate; Cowen was a Judge of the Common Pleas Court; Beatty was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, and later United States District Judge for Idaho; Heath was a Brigadier General in the Federal Army and later became the inventor of the system of Matrix printing; Frye was editor of the Central Christian Advocate and the author of several books.

Since its founding Theta has never had an inactive day; and as a result is the oldest chapter in continuous existence of any fraternity in Ohio; and is the fourth oldest in continuous existence in Beta Theta Pi.

During the first half century of Theta's life, the chapter was very prominent and influential in the affairs of our national fraternity organization. Theta chapter was the presiding chapter of the fraternity 1860-1864. It was the first chapter to wear pink and blue as fraternity colors; and by the efforts of Walter E. Dennison, '77, those colors were adopted in 1879 as colors for the fraternity.

Many of its members have been active in the management of the general fraternity affairs. Three Theta men have been president of the national fraternity: Dr. Thad A. Reamy '70, the eminent obstetric surgeon, served as president 1894-1895, and as trustee of the fraternity 1879-1895. Willis O. Robb '79, the founder and general secretary of the National Fire Underwriters Association, was president 1903-1906; he was a trustee of the fraternity 1884-1889, and again, 1897-1903; he was editor of the magazine for several years; and with Francis W. Shepardson directed the establishment of the National Fraternity Council, and was one of the Beta representatives in that Council until his death in 1933. Colonel William W. Dawson '14, was president 1940-1946, and previously had served as trustee from 1932 until elected president.

Eugene Wambaugh '75, the great Harvard law professor and text and case book writer, served as General Secretary 1881-1884; was editor of the magazine 1885-1886; and was trustee 1889-1890. George M. Halm '76, was General Treasurer of the fraternity 1876-1877. Sylvester G. Williams '77, was trustee 1880-1883; was co-editor of the magazine with Walter Dennison, Theta '77, for Vol. VII, and co-editor with Robb for Vols. VIII, IX and X. Edgar W. Runyon '82, was trustee 1893-1895.

Theta chapter was directly instrumental in the establishment of Beta chapters at Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon and Ohio State, the re-establishment of the chapter at Cincinnati University, and through Arthur Wiles, a pledge who transferred to Case and there joined Lambda Kappa, a local fraternity, induced that local to apply for membership in Beta Theta Pi, which later became Lambda Kappa chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Betas have also been prominent in affairs of Ohio Wesleyan University. Lorenzo D. McCabe was President of the University; Hiram Mills Perkins was professor of Astronomy for fifty years and the donor of the Perkins Observatory. Burleigh E. Cartmell was Professor twenty years and Treasurer of the University for more than a decade. Joseph J. Somerville, DePauw '12, has been Dean of Men at the University for more than ten years. Joseph B. Battelle was the first editor of the Transcript, the college paper. George B. Harris '00; Stanley R. Mauck '14, and Dr. Winchell McK. Craig '15, are members of the Board of Trustees of the University.

Theta was the first chapter of any fraternity to rent a chapter hall for meetings and social affairs. Theta chapter was the first fraternity to rent a house for fraternity and living purposes. Theta chapter was also the first chapter to own its own home. The present home was purchased in 1916; rehabilitated in 1946; and is debt free except its obligation to the chapter's educational foundation fund. Its present value is approximately \$50,000.00.

An outstanding feature of Theta's history has been the considerable number of three and two generation memberships and the interlocking family clans. One of the original members of the chapter was Timothy Welles Stanley '53. His brother, Charles E. Stanley '69, was initiated fifteen years later. His son, Welles K. Stanley '95, was initiated forty years later and is still living. It results that Theta Chapter has for the entire century had a living Welles Stanley. There are three generations of Hallidays and Maucks and Doves. The Dove-Ireland clan numbers nine in three generations and there are more to come. The Riddle-Sisson-Robison clan numbers twelve in two generations. The Craig clan have eight in Theta chapter in the first generation, six in Denison in the second generation, and two sons-in-law on the rolls of other chapters, sixteen in all. The number of sons and grandsons in the chapter during the 1940-1950 decade is remarkable.

Many Theta men have been prominent in affairs of church, state, nation, education, professions and business.

The chapter has furnished three bishops to the Methodist Church—E. E. Hoss '69, W. P. Thirkield '76, and Lewis O. Hartman '99. It has furnished six college presidents—Thomas M. Gatch, Oregon State College and University of Washington, Isaac M. Crook, Ohio University, L. A. Belt, Ohio Northern, Samuel Wetherby, Baker University, Frank W. Gunsaulus, Armour Institute, and Ernest A. Smith, Toledo University. Reubin T. Shaw '06, was President of the National Educational Association.

The chapter's outstanding contribution to the Navy is Dr. Winchell McKendree Craig '15, USN Med. Corps, who was retired at the conclusion of World War II as a Rear Admiral. The chapter's contribution to the Army includes Dr. Clyde S. Ford '86, whose great work in heading the U. S. Army Medical Corps in their medical rehabilitation work in the Balkan countries prior to World War I won international commendation; Colonel Francis T. Evans '08, U. S. Marine Corps, hero of World War I, and the originator of dive bombing; Colonel Raymond F. Sheseldine '15, Army service in World Wars I and II; Colonel William W. Dawson '15, who served in World War I and throughout World War II, he being a member of General Clay's staff in the Army of Occupation in Germany at the time of his death in 1947; Colonel Douglas D. Reed '23; Colonel Giles Hubbard '34; Colonel John Mikuluk '38; Dr. Wendell A. Butcher, U. S. Navy.

In law, Alfred H. McVey '68; Charles Parrott '56; William W. Gurley '70; and Eugene Shreve '22, gained considerable fame as General Counsel for railroad companies. Presently, Welles K. Stanley '95, Robert H. Jamison '06, Charles W. Sellers '09, and Donald W. Hornbeck '25, are the heads of able and outstanding law firms in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the field of medicine, Dr. Thad A. Reamy '70, Dr. Charles S. Manley '88, Dr. John G. Clark '89, Dr. Clyde S. Ford '89, Dr. J. J. Coons '98, Dr. R. A. Jewitt '05, and Dr. Winchell McK. Craig '15, who is the head of the neuro-surgery department of the Mayo Clinic, have outstanding reputations and have won international acclaim.

Insurance companies have had as their presidents, James S. Clark '68, and John M. Pattison '69.

In the field of large corporate activity, Walter E. Dennison '77, was President of the Steiger Terracotta & Pottery Company in San Francisco; Judson S. Sayre '20, is the President of Bendix Home Appliance Company; the brothers, John P. Vogel '78 and Joshua Vogel '79, owned the Gendron Wheel Company in Toledo from which developed the Willys Automobile Company; and William E. Ireland '31, Vice-President of B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, presently heading up its Canadian activities.

In the field of finance the following have had outstanding positions: John Van Cleve Andrews '61, was President of Merchants National Bank, Kansas City; William Vanzandt Cox '74, was President of Second National Bank in Washington, D. C.; Clifford Bailey Wright was President of the Union Trust Company in Cincinnati; Fred E. Musgrove '99, is Vice-President of the Continental-Illinois Bank & Trust Company in Chicago; and John T. Sinkey '19, was President of the Irving Trust Company in New York.

Several alumni have served with distinction as Judges of many courts in the nation. James H. Beatty '58, was Judge of the Supreme Court of Idaho and later U. S. District Judge in Idaho; Samuel H. Elbert '54, was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado; and John W. Shenk '00, for over twenty years has been a Justice of the Supreme Court of California. Daniel W. Comstock '60, Thomas Charrington '63, Alfred H. McVey '68, P. A. Leighley '97, Franklin R. Dove '02, and David S. Craig '24, have been Judges of Courts of Appeal. Thomas J. Duncan '69, Daniel H. Sowers '89, George B. Harris '00, and William D. Radcliff '30, have been Judges of Common Pleas Courts.

Banquet Program

OHIO WESLEYAN MEMORIAL UNION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1953—6:30 P. M.

Toastmaster

WINCHELL MCKENDREE CRAIG, Theta '15
Rear Admiral, United States Navy, Retired
Chief of Section of Neurological Surgery,
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Director of Music

WILLIAM A. HAZLETT, Theta '32
Northwestern Life Insurance Company
208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

- Greetings to Betas* ARTHUR S. FLEMMING, LL.D.
President, Ohio Wesleyan University;
Chairman, Office of Defense Mobilization,
Washington, D. C.
- When This Fair Cup We Raise* WHEELER J. WELDAY, Theta '14
President, Theta Chapter House Company
- Steering by the Stars* LEWIS O. HARTMAN, Theta '99
Bishop of Methodist Church,
Brookline, Massachusetts
- Great Betas from Theta* A. J. GUSTIN PRIEST, Idaho '18
Lawyer and Professor,
The Law School, University of Virginia,
President of Beta Theta Pi

In Memoriam

We have not forgotten, and, that future generations of Betas may never forget these men, we dedicate this page in memory of our War Heroes who gave their lives that we might live:

WORLD WAR I

- 447—TOM DUNBAR HALLIDAY '19, Gallipolis, Ohio, Captain, United States Army, killed in the Argonne. His body was returned for burial. His grave is marked by a granite shaft on which his father, John E. Halliday, Theta '91, caused to be affixed a replica of an enlarged Theta badge. Survived by his father, John E. Halliday, Theta '91, his brother, John E. Halliday, Jr., Theta '29, and a nephew, Tom Dunbar Halliday II, Theta '55.

WORLD WAR II

- 413—WILLIAM WARREN DAWSON '14, Cleveland, Ohio, Colonel, United States Army, Member General Lucius Clay's Staff, Army of Occupation in Germany. Died at Stuttgart, Germany, 1947.
- 670—CASS BERRY SPEASMAKER '39, London, Ohio, Lieutenant, United States Army.
- 677—ROBERT LEWIS JUNGHANS '40, Detroit, Michigan, Lieutenant, Navy Air Corps.
- 689—HOWARD MONTROSE ANDERSON, JR., '44, Chicago, Illinois, United States Navy.
- 696—ROBERT STARK BARR '45, Lisbon, Ohio, United States Army.
- 703—DONALD BELFORD SLENKER '46, Zanesville, Ohio, United States Army.

Convocation Program

GRAY CHAPEL, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1953—10:30 A. M.

THE REVEREND JAMES ALLEN KESTLE, Theta '24, Presiding
Minister, Emory Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Music—Men's Chorus,*
Ohio Wesleyan University WILLIAM A. HAZLETT, Theta '32, *Director*
- Scripture Reading and Prayer* THE RT. REV. LEWIS O. HARTMAN, Theta '99
Methodist Bishop of Massachusetts
- Convocation Address* THE REV. DR. SETH R. BROOKS, St. Lawrence '22
Minister, Universalist National Memorial
Church, Washington, D. C.
General Secretary, Beta Theta Pi
- Presentation by Alumni and Actives
of Theta Chapter to Ohio Wesleyan
University of a Centennial Gift
Memorializing Dr. Frank W. Gun-
saulus, Theta '75, D. D., L. L. D.*
Minister Congregational Church, Chicago;
founder and first President of Armour In-
stitute of Technology, Chicago WELLES K. STANLEY, Theta '95
- Acceptance of Gift
by Ohio Wesleyan University* JOSEPH J. SOMERVILLE, Delta '12
Dean of Men, Ohio Wesleyan University

Active Members of Theta Chapter

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| <p>854 THEODORE ROBERT CHANEY, '53
London, Ohio</p> <p>855 VINCENT BAKER SMITH, '53
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>856 RICHARD LEE DAVENPORT '53
Hamilton, Ohio</p> <p>857 EDWIN JACOB LILLY '53
London, Ohio</p> <p>858 RICHARD LEE DAY '53
New Philadelphia, Ohio</p> <p>859 RICHARD EIVIND EIKEN '53
Louisville, Ky.</p> <p>860 DONALD WILLIAM JAGGER '53
Brooklyn, N. Y.</p> <p>861 WILLIAM HOWARD METZEL '53
East Lansing, Mich.</p> <p>864 ROBERT STONE NEFF '53
Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>865 DAVID ROBERT DOVE '53
Shelbyville, Ill.</p> <p>866 RICHARD WILLIAM McCLINTOCK '53
Lancaster, Ohio</p> <p>870 HARRY EUGENE MOWRY '53
Delaware, Ohio</p> <p>872 RUSSELL SCHANELY '53
Quakertown, Pennsylvania</p> <p>873 NOLAN EDWARD SMITH '54
Lima, Ohio</p> <p>874 ROBERT LESLIE COTNER '54
Chicago, Ill.</p> <p>875 JOHN CLINTON MILLER '54
Erie, Pennsylvania</p> <p>876 RICHARD SHERIDAN TREIS '54
Cincinnati, Ohio</p> <p>877 DAVID KEITH THOMAS '54
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Glen Rock, N. J.</p> <p>881 JAMES EDWIN MEREDITH '54
Lima, Ohio</p> <p>883 MICHAEL EDWARD SCHWARTZ '54
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Tucson, Arizona</p> <p>886 MORGAN DAVIS SHRADER '54
Waverly, Ohio</p> <p>888 HENRY NORTON BALDWIN '54
West Hartford, Conn.</p> <p>889 PETER MOYER KAUFMANN '54
Ann Arbor, Mich.</p> <p>891 MARIUS SULLIVAN CHRISTENSEN '54
Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>892 RICHARD GLENN DEVOS '54
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>893 ROBERT ALLEN MARTEN '54
Marysville, Ohio</p> <p>895 JOHN MILLER FUNDERBURG '55
Bronxville, N. Y.</p> | <p>896 WILLIAM DANIEL RICH '55
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>898 JACK HAHN '55
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Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>903 JERRY LOUIS STALEY '55
Williamstown, Ohio</p> <p>904 LAWRENCE ALBERT LINDERER '55
Arlington, Va.</p> <p>905 TOM DUNBAR HALLIDAY '55
Gallipolis, Ohio</p> <p>906 RICHARD ROLLAND BROWN '55
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>907 DOUGLAS KAISER BOYLE '55
Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>908 WILLIAM JAMES KESTLE '55
Pittsburgh, Pa.</p> <p>909 PAUL MORETON NOBIS '55
New Richmond, Ohio</p> <p>910 RUPERT AULL DOAN '55
Cincinnati, Ohio</p> <p>911 RICHARD ALLEN EITZEL '55
Chevy Chase, Md.</p> <p>913 MILTON CROSSLAND IRVIN '55
Arlington, Va.</p> <p>914 HOMER JACKSON CLARK '55
Pittsburgh, Pa.</p> <p>915 THOMAS FRED TURCO '55
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>916 KENNETH COIT ROWLEY '55
Ravenswood, W. Va.</p> <p>917 ROBERT HENRY SPILLER '56
Cleveland, Ohio</p> <p>918 HAROLD EDWIN STAHL '56
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Archbold, Ohio</p> <p>923 JAMES LEE DAILEY '56
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Gallipolis, Ohio</p> <p>929 JOHN EDGAR APPEL '56
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Scarsdale, N. Y.</p> <p>931 RONALD EUGENE TREECE '56
Carey, Ohio</p> <p>932 KENNETH GOODYARD CLARK '56
Washington, D. C.</p> <p>933 JOHN KENNETH COZIER '56
Cleveland, Ohio</p> |
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Actives in Military Service

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| <p>869 CLAYTON CALVIN PURDY, JR., '53
Grosse Pointe, Mich.</p> <p>882 GEORGE THOMAS KOCHER '54
Lima, Ohio</p> | <p>887 JAMES FREDERICK COMPTON '54
Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>894 RICHARD ZOOK DRAZ '00
Chagrin Falls, Ohio</p> |
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Dinner and Party

FOR THE BETA LADIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1953—6:30 P. M.

THETA CHAPTER HOUSE

Buffet Luncheon

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1953—1:00 P. M.

THETA CHAPTER HOUSE

For Betas and their Ladies

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THETA CHAPTER HOUSE COMPANY

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