

# THE THETA REVIEW

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## THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL CONVENTION OF BETA THETA PI

### Theta Credit to Fraternity Reports Brother Needham.

When the Eighty-fifth General Convention of Beta Theta Pi convened at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, on the fourth of September, Brother Amrhein and Brother Anderson were on hand to represent Theta Chapter. The convention was a success from every viewpoint. Business was dispatched with rapidity and Brother Dys found lacking.

Two locals came before the meeting with petitions, one, Southern Methodist University, and the other University of Montana, but neither was granted. Anti-expansion steps were taken which will not allow any local to petition Beta Theta Pi. In case any new chapters are established the initiative will be taken by the General Fraternity rather than the petitioners as to the time and place of establishment.

As decided at the White Sulphur Convention the previous year, the convention of 1924 was presided over by an undergraduate and all offices and committees were cared for by undergraduates. Elmer Lindseth, Case '25, was selected for president, while Karl Fischer, Indiana '25, served as secretary. This system proved a success and all indications point to its permanency.

Brother D. J. Needham, our district chief, presented the following report to the convention on Theta Chapter:

"Ohio Wesleyan, as a result of a decided effort on its part to improve

## CHAPTER STILL IN THIRD PLACE IN SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship record of Theta Chapter for the semester ending February 1st is even better than the fine record made by the chapter during the past year in which Theta stood third among the national fraternities on the campus.

This year the men came back with the determination to make good grades and aside from a few irregularities they have been doing very well.

The present freshman class is doing very commendable work in scholarship, partly due to the incentive offered by the Perkin's Scholarship Cup and also to the rigidly enforced

## BRO. WM. DAWSON NEW DISTRICT CHIEF

Brother William W. Dawson, Theta '14, has become the chief of District Nine, succeeding Brother Delos J. Needham. Because he found his business duties too exacting, Brother Needham resigned his position as leader of our district. Theta Chapter wishes to express our appreciation to him for his faithful services as our district chief during the three years just past.

Brother Dawson was an active member of Theta in the class of 1914. He attended Western Reserve Law School after his graduation from Wesleyan. Brother Dawson is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. At present he is located in the Leader-News building in Cleveland.

Brother Dawson has been active as an alumnus of the chapter since his graduation. The chapter welcomes its new chief, and extends to him assurance of its full support and co-operation.

## SEVENTY-SECOND LOCAL INITIATION AND BANQUET

### Eight Freshmen to Receive Ritual on February 21st.

The Chapter will hold the seventy-second initiation ceremony on Feb. 21st, at the chapter house.

Eight of the best freshman who came to Wesleyan this year are to receive the ritual of Beta Theta Pi. After a semester's work under the observation of the upper-classmen, they are generally themselves worthy to wear the diamond.

The chapter has planned a very complete program. The Legend of Wooglin will be administered by Brother Boyers. This will be followed by the ritual ceremony. A banquet has been planned for all the alumni, active chapter, and newly initiated men.

In conjunction with the initiation ceremony will be given the annual twenty-second banquet, which will be given on the 23rd this year, since the 22nd comes on Sunday. At this time Ohio Wesleyan will play Denison in basketball.

It is customary to include in each Theta Review a small clipping for the alumni to sign stating that they will be with us for initiation. This is omitted this year because we are planning and counting on you to be with us at that time. We are hoping to make this one of the biggest events of the year, and with your co-operation it is sure to be a success.



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## RUSHING SEASON

Theta Chapter has passed through another successful rushing season which resulted in obtaining a group of eight pledges. These men are of real Beta timber and without a doubt will maintain the standards in scholarship which have been set in the past.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the alumnae for their cooperation with the chapter in fur-

thering the work. It is evident that we must all place our shoulders to the wheel and work for the men we want. The alumnae have done fine work this year and we hope that as many as possible will be back for the initiation.

The freshman class is represented in the school activities with Coleman and Currie in football, Buswell and Coleman in basketball, Currie in track, Goubeaux in debate and on the Glee Club, Berry in the Band and on the swimming team, and "Stub" Sisson is working hard to land the track managership.

Sisson is "Stub IV" in Theta Chapter membership. Bob Dove was preceded by his father and uncle. Both Currie and Reigle have brothers who have made a name for themselves as Betas at Ohio Wesleyan.

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conditions, has developed into such a chapter as is worthy of the highest confidence of its distinguished list of alumnae, and others who have sponsored it in the past. Theta is a credit to the fraternity and easily ranks at the top in this institution."

The present chapter is very proud of Brother Needham's report and we

# ALUMNI NOTES

'24—David Craig and Rummel Anderson are taking graduate work in the Law School at Ohio State.

'24—Edwin W. Wilson is teaching sciences in High School at Findlay, Ohio.

'24—Edgar S. Noland is connected with the Citizens Trust & Savings Co. at Columbus, Ohio.

'24—Max Hewett is working with the National City Company, at 50 Wall street, New York City. He has been active in getting the members of Theta Chapter in New York City together for luncheons.

'24—Allen Kestle is the assistant pastor and athletic director at Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'24—Edgar Runkle has charge of one of the departments of the Thompson-Reiny-Barbers Co. at Toledo, Ohio. He is located at 2702 Cherry street.

"Zack" Sinkey, 131 25th street, Jackson Heights, is educational director of the National City Bank.

"Jel" Littich, 8724 Rideo Blvd., here in New York. His offices are at 170 Broadway.

Calvin Elliott, 620 West 122nd street, New York City, is doing interior decorating work.

"Judge" Klechner, 1339 Bedford avenue, Brocklyn, is sales manager for the Brooklyn Studebaker Co.

Eugene Shreve is connected with the legal department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. He will receive his law degree from New York University this June.

Wesley Whitehouse, '16, returned from a cruise to Cuba and is now located at Dafoe Boat Works, Bay City, Mich.

intend to maintain the standard which he has set up for us.

During the convention Theta was not called before any committees to give explanations or to receive censure. We were commended by the Committee on Chapters and also from the floor. Our financial report showed no money owed by the chapter, no money owed to the chapter and a small balance on hand.

During his report on expansion, George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, referred to Theta as "the chapter which has given the fraternity gen-

'23—Charles Y. Neber is principal of the High School at Plainfield, Ohio.

Ex-'26—Roger Addeson is connected with the state highway department at Columbus, Ohio.

## MARRIAGES

At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, October 1st, Allen Long, '22, and Dorothy Crates were married. Dr. John W. Hoffman was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. F. M. Swinehart, Richard Bloom and Herbert Kurrley. Mr. and Mrs. Long will reside in Findlay until spring when they plan to take up residence in Columbus, where Mr. Long is in the real estate business.

Eugene Willey, ex-'25, and Waukena de Bordelaben, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were married early this winter.

William H. Hyde and Gertrude I. Addicott, of Sharon, Pa., were married January 17th.

## DEATHS

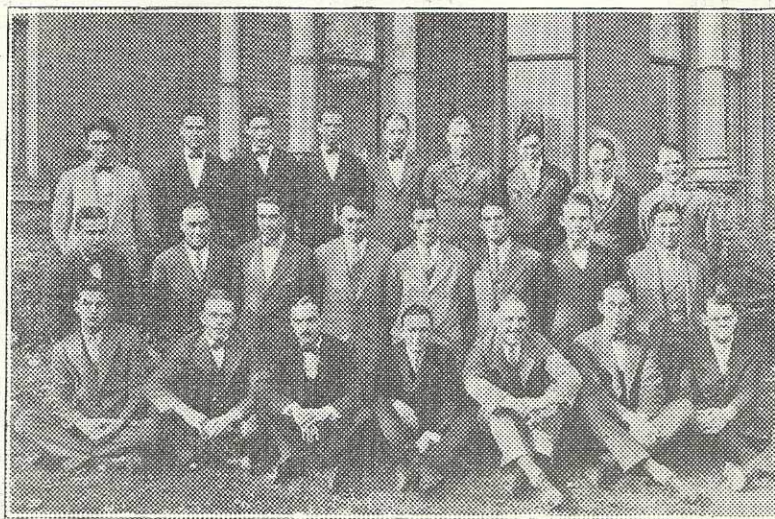
John Locke died suddenly at London, Ohio, on August 21st. He was president of the Bae Association of Ohio. With his death Theta Chapter loses one of its oldest alumni.

1912—On December 16th, unexpectedly from a sudden development of membranous croup while suffering from grip, Horace William Sisson died at Cleveland, Ohio. After leaving Theta's hall at graduation, Mr. Sesson attended Western Reserve Law School, and then became a prominent lawyer in Cleveland. Mr. Sesson was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was characterized in Cleveland as one of the city's leading younger Democrats.

eral officers out of all proportion to its size."

The convention was well attended and all the members marveled at the beauties of Mackinac and Lake Michigan. At present the meeting place for the next convention has not been determined but if they have the accommodations and the eats of Mackinac we are sure that any alumnae would spend an enjoyable week's vacation if he were to attend.





Top Row—A. Currie; R. Reigle; R. Coleman; D. Forsythe; R. Berry;  
K. Buswell; R. Dove; W. Sisson; E. Goubeaux.  
Middle Row—J. Hill; W. Jones; C. Clark; M. Noland; E. Reynolds; D.  
Currie; W. Anderson; R. Whiting.  
Front Row—W. Hill; A. Vlerebome; J. Morrissey; H. Amrhein; A. Scott;  
P. Ellenberger.

## TWO ACTIVES FAIL TO RETURN THIS YEAR

John C. Hanna and C. Ralph Dystant are the only active members of Theta Chapter who did not return to Wesleyan this year. Brother Hanna, of the class of '26, is continuing his college course at Princeton University. From all reports John is doing excellent work and expects to finish his course there.

Brother Dystant is living in Ferndale, Mich., where he is working with a construction company and also is sport editor of one of the papers there.

Brother Richard Bloom returned to Wesleyan after a period of four years' absence, during which time he attended Wharton School of Business and also was connected with the Kuntz-Johnston Lumber Co. at Dayton. He has been a great help to the chapter in all respects and we are sorry that this is his last year with us.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Theta's prospects in intramural activities are very promising. In the midst of the basketball schedule we have lost one game so far and although this defeat dampens cham-

pionship aspirations it is quite possible that we will finish the season without another reverse.

Baseball prospects are even more bright. With a majority of the players of last year's winning team still on hand and some promising recruits, a championship combination should result in another silver plaque for the chapter's hall.

## NATIONAL ELECTION RETURNS RECEIVED AT THETA'S HALL

Alumni of the last few years will look back with interest to the quadrennial occurrence of opening the doors to "old Theta's Halls" to the men of the University and the faculty for the election night returns. This year the custom proved a huge success.

Special message service brought the national returns of the presidential race until the small hours of the morning, and many of the guests stayed until the last. Over four hundred men took part in the cider drinking, doughnuts, peanuts, apples and smokes, and following the figures on the large blackboard in the east parlor.

Interest was heightened by the campaign banners, the Coolidge and Dawes element apparently holding the "balance of power."

## THETA'S BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE

John Hill is representing Theta Chapter on the basketball squad this year. Last year Brother Hill played forward on the team and won his letter.

This year he is playing "utility" man on the squad and fills the positions of guard, center and forward with equally good ability. We expect a captaincy from John next year.

## THETA'S TRACK REPRESENTATIVES

Warren Jones and Wilson Anderson will represent Theta Chapter on the Wesleyan track squad this year. Both received their numerals on the freshman track team last year.

Bud Jones fills Brother Kestle's shoes in the races, doing the 880 yard run and also running with the relay team.

Will Anderson, of West Virginia fame, hurls the javelin and throws the discus.

Wesleyan has thirteen meets this year, none of which are with Ohio Conference schools. However, the team has already demonstrated its ability by defeating Ohio State in the first meet of the year.



## THETA'S THREE CAPTAINS

During the last few years Theta Chapter has endeavored very hard to keep up the standard of uniform excellence which has been set for it. We have tried to keep the chapter from becoming overbalanced in any direction: to keep it perfectly balanced by a mixture of types and of activities. While we have maintained this balance, we have an athletic record which is duplicated but seldom. The chapter has representatives in practically every branch of sport, and as our men have developed into the leaders of their respective branches we have the unusual distinction of having three captains in the house this year. Bro. Harold F. Amrhein, '25, of Bay City, Mich., captained the football team during the past season; Bro. Alford H. Scott, '26, of Des Moines, Iowa, is captain of the now functioning swimming team, and Bro. Joseph D. Morrissey, '25 of London, Ohio, is captain of the baseball outfit for the spring.

Bro. Amrhein's success has not been a great surprise, as he has an excellent high school record, having played both football and basketball, gaining All-State mention in the former. He started out by playing whom sport writers delight to call



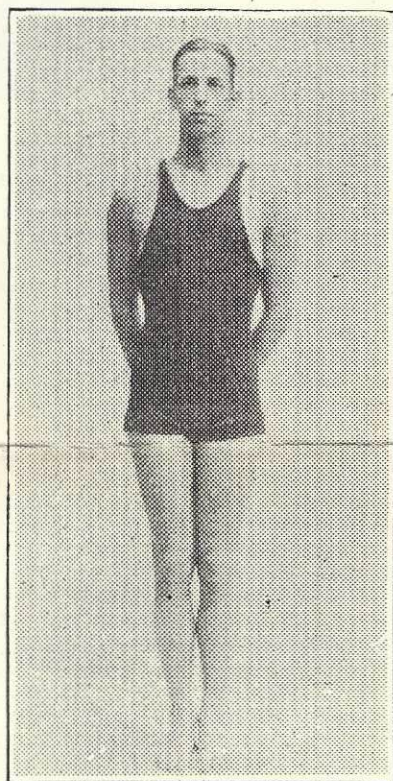
frosh football, acquiring a skill and reputation which have followed him through his collegiate career. During his three years as a varsity candidate, his success has been uniform: a regular guard his sophomore year, a practically unanimous all-conference choice his junior year, and captain of a very successful team his senior year. It was only that last unfortunate game this year with Ohio University that broke his remarkable list of three years' successive conference victories. But "Ammie's" prowess is not confined to the gridiron, as he is president of the chapter this year, is working his way through school, and is in many other campus activities.

When Bro. Scott first strayed from the confines of the great corn state his athletic prowess was a matter of some conjecture. Last year, however, he became the protege of Bro. Addison, who captained the swimming team last year, and "Al" is attempting to fill this year the position that "The Swimmer" filled last year. We are represented on the tank squad by Bros. Reynolds and Anderson, both sophomores, who are doing good work this year, and will be the mainstays in future years.

Bro. Morrissey brought with him an unsullied athletic reputation from London High School, where he captained both the baseball and basketball teams and played basketball. During his freshman year he played quarter on the frosh football outfit and captained the baseball team. During his first two years as varsity material he played football but was handicapped by injuries and by the fact that his 120 pounds were jostled around a bit too freely. But he was right in his element on the baseball diamond and held tight to his position at second, and has his last year to play as captain of a strong squad. He is supported by Bro. John Hill,

the "Ohio Wesleyan pitching Ace" and who is now doing his stuff on the basketball court.

Even if we do not take into consideration the balance of the chapter we feel that such a record is creditable, but when we consider that the other men of the chapter are carrying Theta's name just as high in other fields of activity it becomes even more so. With the diversified abilities of the men of the freshman class we feel that this is not merely a passing glory, but one that should be maintained.



## FRESHMAN CLASS

- ARTHUR E. CURRIE  
Xenia, Ohio
- RAYMOND C. COLEMAN  
Lancaster, Ohio
- ROBERT G. RIEGLE  
Bowling Green, Ohio
- ROBERT C. DOVE  
Shelbyville, Ill.
- EDWARD A. GOUBEAUX  
Greenville, Ohio
- DARWIN M. FORSYTH  
Delaware, Ohio
- KENNETH M. BUSWELL  
Elyria, Ohio
- ROGER N. BERRY  
Minerva, Ohio
- WARREN R. SISSON  
Columbus, Ohio



## Two Bay City Boys Have Made Good On Ohio Wesleyan Eleven



HAROLD AMRHEIN



RALPH DYSTANT

Two Bay City boys, Harold Amrhein and Ralph Dystant, both graduates of Eastern high school, have made good on the Ohio Wesleyan university (Delaware, Ohio), football team this fall. Amrhein in particular distinguishing himself by his splendid play. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Amrhein, 326 Fraser street, and Dystant is the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Dystant, who formerly resided at 414

Farragut street, north, but who late was transferred to Ferndale.

The Ohio Wesleyan team coached by George Gauthier, former Michigan Aggie star and coach, and for a year city recreational director in this city. Both Amrhein and Dystant are sophomores at the Ohio school.

Amrhein, playing a regular guard berth, has been a big factor in the success of his team this fall. He is the only sophomore in the school to play in every game this season and has never had to be taken out for any injury or for not playing up to standard. He played the entire game against Ohio State, where Wesleyan was beaten only 5 to 0, and his consistent fighting was a big item in keeping State from crossing Wesleyan's goal line.

Wesleyan's line was badly outweighed, Capt. Pixley, playing opposite to Amrhein, weighing 253 pounds, or just 70 pounds more than the local boy, but even at that Columbus sport writers give Amrhein credit for outplaying his giant opponent. Coach Yost, of Michigan, who saw the game, especially complimented the Wesleyan players for their excellent tackling, and Amrhein made many of the cleanest and hardest tackles of the game.

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Ohio Wesleyan came through the season in splendid fashion, winning the Ohio conference championship by defeating such teams as Ohio Northern University of Cincinnati, Wittenburg, and Miami, and last Saturday swept aside the last obstacle in its chase for the title by downing Dennison university, 14 to 13, at Granville.

Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty have taken a great liking to Amrhein, who was recently elected president of the sophomore class at the university. Despite his football duties and other activities, he is working his way through college. In addition to being a great football player, he is also a splendid basketball guard and weight man in track and field events.

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