

# THE ALPHA DELT

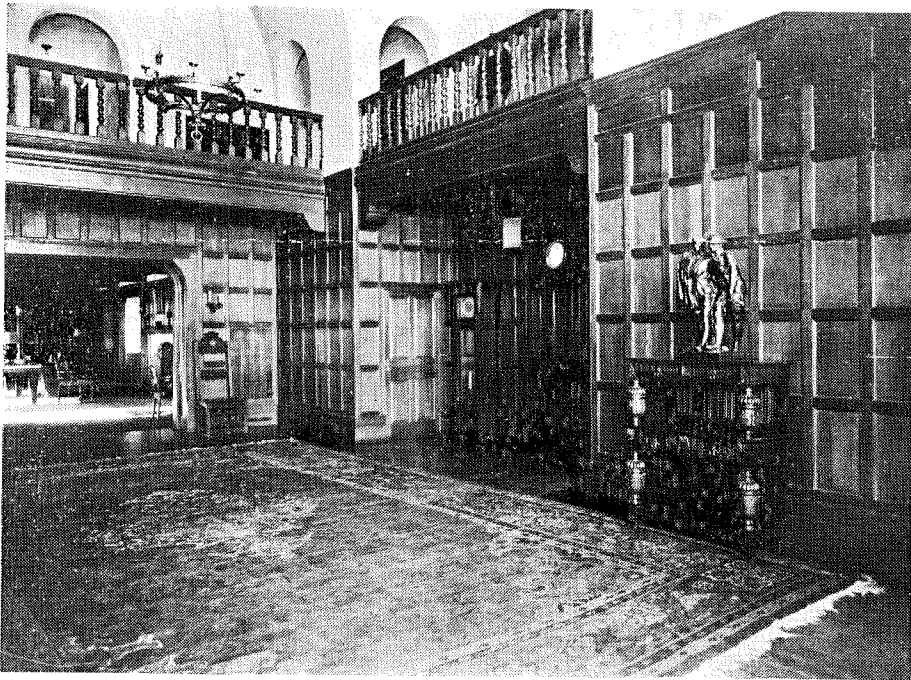
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*The Chapter House Awaits Your Visit!*



FOR THE BENEFIT of alumni at a distance who have been unable to visit us since the present house was built, we present the first of a series of interiors of the chapter house. Pictured is the inviting and impressive first-floor hallway, with the doorway to the living room and lounge showing at the left. May we remind you that the 'welcome mat' is always out, and that we want you to come back and visit us whenever possible. Plan a trip to Ithaca some week-end this spring.

## *House Combines with Kappa Alpha and Psi Upsilon To Enjoy Novel, Entertaining Junior Week Features*

Alpha Delta Phi combined forces with Kappa Alpha and Psi Upsilon to hold one of the most successful Junior Week house parties in the recent history of the chapter on February 6-9. The three houses reserved Jimmy Lunceford's orchestra, co-headliner at the Junior Prom with Tommy Dorsey, for the four-day program.

A dance was held Thursday night at the Alpha Delt house, and Saturday night at Psi Upsilon. Dinner was held Friday night at the Ithaca Hotel, and Sunday at the Kappa Alpha house. Eight Alpha Delt couples attended the Prom itself on Friday night.

Chaperones for the party were Mrs. Miller, mother of Ransom Miller '38, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Mrs.

Tubbs, mother of Warren Tubbs, Jr. '36, Buffalo.

Junior Week this year represented the first attempt to coordinate Cornell's traditional between-semester activities. The feature on Thursday was the Ice Carnival, modelled along the lines of Dartmouth's Winter Carnival.

Skating exhibitions, colored lights, music, costumes, a dog sled race and fireworks combined to make the program at Beebe Lake of particular interest. The usual Musical Clubs concert was replaced this year by a highly successful musical play in which all Cornell music organizations took part. The traditional Penn-Cornell basketball game on Saturday ended happily with a decisive victory for the Red team.

## Chapter Authors Win Loud Praise For Recent Works

AUTOBIOGRAPHY, SHORT STORY  
AND NATURE STUDY  
ARE INCLUDED

Readers of *The Alpha Delt* will be glad to know that they can add to their reading lists for the current month the works of three Cornell Alpha Delt, comprising two books and a short story. If any fear that this recommendation is being made on the basis of fraternity loyalty alone . . . they can dispel the idea immediately! Herewith a brief resumé.

George Shiras III '81, former U. S. Congressman and member of the Pennsylvania legislature, lawyer and writer on Federal Jurisprudence, field naturalist and recipient of international awards for his nature photography . . . is the author of a two-volume, 950-page work, "*Hunting Wild Life with Camera and Flashlight*," published by the National Geographic Society in November, 1935.

### Work of Many Years

For the past 60 years Brother Shiras has made an intensive study of wild life, first as a hunter and fisherman . . . later as a naturalist who was eager to know about the habits and mentality of the wild things he encountered.

We quote from a Natural Geographic prospectus: "As a member of the Public Lands Committee of the 58th Congress (1903-05) Mr. Shiras was influential in extending our system of National Parks and Monuments. As a tireless worker for the conservation of our woodlands, game and fish, he proposed and introduced the Migratory Bird Bill which has since become law and which has saved our wild fowl from possible extinction. . . ."

### "T. R." Commended Him

"By 1906 his work was so well known and his reputation so firmly established that Theodore Roosevelt wrote him: 'I have been looking through your photographs in the National Geographic Magazine. Now, my dear sir, no other work you can do . . . is as important as for you to write a big book—a book of bulk as well as worth, in which you shall

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## THE APHA DELT

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**John W. Stead '36**

**Editor**

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### *Help Us Plan Early for Cornell Day*

Cornell Day, inaugurated several years ago for the express purpose of providing a spring week-end in which prospective Cornell freshmen may be shown the campus . . . and incidentally be prepared for fraternity pledging . . . is now an institution on the hill. This year it will fall on Saturday, May 16.

We mention this now because we want every alumnus to appreciate the importance to Alpha Delta Phi of doing what it can to entertain prospective rushees. There is a real advantage to entertaining men when Cornell and the campus appear to their best advantage in early spring, and when the freshmen are not distracted by fall rushing week activities.

For that reason, consider this our earnest appeal to you, and to every other Cornell Alpha Delt, to help us make the week-end of May 16 a successful one. If you have a candidate you can bring to the chapter, you will accomplish the double purpose of showing him a good time and enjoying a pleasant week-end with the active chapter.

A track meet, varsity baseball game and other University functions will make the week-end an interesting one. All names of prospective guests should be sent to Erbin Wattles, rushing chairman at the house.

### *How About a Letter?*

The excellent reception given *The Alpha Delt* since its reincarnation last spring is perhaps best reflected in the dozens of enthusiastic letters we have received from alumni during recent months . . . which only a lack of space prevents us from publishing in their entirety. We are sincere in our desire to make *The Alpha Delt* primarily an alumni publication, but we can do so only if you send us news, letters and pictures for publication.

News of new jobs, engagements, marriages, deaths, births and pictures of alumni and alumni groups . . . all are of interest to other readers.

## § LETTERS §

### *Bole Reports on Many Brothers*

Editor:

As a once proud assistant editor of a Cornell *Alpha Delt* I want to add my compliments to those you have already received. I have derived a great deal of pleasure from the recent issues and hope this is to be a permanent chapter activity.

Since Sew Baldwin has moved to Philadelphia I see him pretty often and also see Al Graff in Wilmington, Del. I am going to see Rocky Rockwell this next week now that I know where he is located—thanks to your last issue. I am soon going to be in Baltimore and hope to see Ed. Young.

Recently in Williamsburg, Va. I saw Joe Houck's sister who tells me Joe is resident surgeon at the University of Virginia Hospital, also that he is recently married. On my next trip to Charlottesville I plan to see him.

I have attended a couple of meetings of the Alpha Delt in Washington who have luncheon each Monday at the University Club. They seem to be mostly from Wesleyan. Haven't looked up Bill Mitchell yet but will my next trip.

As you can judge I'm on the go quite a bit handling the states of Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Southern New Jersey and East and Central Pennsylvania. Doing corrosion engineering work on several of Republic Steels special materials—a fine ending for an English major.

JOE BOLE, JR. '28

*Our thanks to Joe Bole for his newsy letter . . . and we hope we'll get a lot more like it. He is a field engineer for the Republic Steel Corp., 760 Broad Street Station Building, Philadelphia, Pa.—Ed.*

### *Mead '77 Writes From Florida*

Editor:

The infirmities of age creep on at 83 but if I can not meet the new Brothers face to face it is a privilege to meet them in the fine Chapter group and send my affectionate Alpha Delta Phi regards to each and every one. For two years I have been unable to travel beyond neighboring places and have been cared for by a house-keeper nurse; though I have no aches or pains to complain of but take a lively interest in whatever little horticultural work I am still able to perform.

My care-taker's health is failing and I had to make other and more expensive arrangements and I thought I might have to dispense with the services of my

gardener-chauffeur who has served me for many years. My sister-in-law, widow of William S. Edwards '79, immediately wrote me generously providing against any such necessity.

The American Amaryllis Society has elected me an honorary Fellow of the Society and in the 1935 Yearbook has published some pages of an autobiography. I have had a number of "separates" printed and with two portraits, one of my Alpha Delta Phi days, and I will send the Chapter a copy when I get them.

In all these years Brother Courtenay Barber '28 has never forgotten a jolly Christmas card for me and the last one, just in, is the jolliest one yet. With love to all the boys . . .

T. L. MEAD '77

*The chapter appreciates "Teddy" Mead's lively interest in affairs of the chapter . . . looks forward to receiving the autobiography. Brother Mead has been a horticulturist and breeder of hybrid orchids, amaryllis and other tropical flowers for many years at Oviedo, Florida. He attended the College of the City of New York in 1867, later studied biology at Cornell and attended the Columbia School of Mines and Columbia Law School. He was once recorder of Alpha Delta Phi, and served on the Executive Council. He was also one of the editors of "The Star and Crescent" from 1883 to 1885.—Ed.*

### *Enjoys Last Reunion*

Editor:

. . . In reading Tom Noel's letter, I was reminded that I have been even more remiss than he in writing to express my appreciation of the active chapter's contribution to the enjoyable week-end I spent in Ithaca during Reunion last June.

I got a real "kick" out of the gentle prodding which you gave Bill Cressman (whether you meant it that way or not) in the column, "News From Brothers Everywhere."

Having "reacted," I shall close with the hope that by the time you receive this, the holiday season will have left you at least a remnant of your former good health.

E. G. TRIMBLE, JR. '27

*May we reassure Ed Trimble that Alpha Delt constitutions are as strong as ever, that the holidays left no ill effects! Ed handles casualty reinsurance for the Employers Reinsurance corporation in Kansas City, Mo. He has two young future Alpha Delt sons, lives in Kansas City at 6416 Grand Ave.—Ed.*

## *Turning Back the Pages of Alpha Delt History -- 1895*



OLD-TIMERS and a lot of brothers not so old will be interested in this picture of the Alpha Delt classes of 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898 . . . presented to us some time ago by Jay Ripley Ammon '98, of Yates Mills, Ohio. Impressed though we are by these scholarly-looking gentlemen, for the life of us we can find no identification of the group. Readers long on memory are hereby requested to send us their guesses on the names of the brothers appearing in the picture. Please address your letters to the editor . . . facts and comments on the careers represented will also be a help.

### *Riggs '38 Chosen to Business Board of Widow; Smith Stars in Skiing, Bailliere in Boxing*

Despite a general seasonal lull in activities on the hill, Alpha Delt's are occupied by a number of new interests. John Riggs '38, Elmira, has just been elected to the business board of the Widow and will continue competition for the business managership.

Joslyn A. Smith, sophomore from Westmont, Quebec, has just been elected president of the Interscholastic Ski Union. Josh, who has been skiing as long as he can remember, has been competing regularly on the varsity ski team this season. He helped Cornell make a good showing at the Dartmouth winter sports carnival, and at the intercollegiate meet at Middlebury College.

Marion V. Bailliere II, '38, of Hudson, Ohio, is one of the regulars on the

varsity boxing team this winter. He is classed with the 175-pounders.

Erbin D. Wattles, '37, Buffalo, who left school before Christmas because of an injured leg, returned in January and is now in good health . . . except that he will not be allowed to enter further sports until next year. Erb played regular guard on the varsity hockey team, and is expected to be out for the sport again next season.

Warner L. Jones '38, crack horseman from Louisville, Ky., has been forced to leave school because of a recent injury to his ankle received in polo. His leg was injured last year, and a recent shock caused complications in the same spot. The chapter hopes to have him back next semester, however.

### *Basketball Team Wins Early League Matches*

Alpha Delta Phi's intramural basketball team has gotten off to a flying start in the fraternity schedule by winning its first two games by a wide margin.

Delta Kappa Epsilon was downed (19-13) on January 15 in the Drill Hall in what the *Sun* described as the most exciting of the first league matches. Theta Delta Chi was completely submerged (32-11) by the Alpha Delt quintet a few days ago, and chapter players are now looking forward to the rest of the schedule with plenty of confidence. House players include Werrenrath, McNamara, Hoffman, Neff, Jones, Cavender and Bayly.

A team composed of Jack Cobb, Tom Midgeley, Erb Wattles and Bill Arnold has also entered fraternity bowling.

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embody these pictures and the results of all your invaluable notes upon the habits, not only of game but of the numerous other wild creatures that you have observed. I feel strongly that this country stands much more in need of the work of a great out-door faunal naturalist than of the work of any number of closet specialists and microscopic tissue-cutters. Do go ahead and do this work! "

Thus enjoined 30 years ago, Brother Shiras has more than fulfilled the order of a "big book." The two volumes embrace his entire life work in the field of natural science, are replete with 950 pictures, including the flashlight photographs which won him international renown at the Paris and St. Louis expositions early in the century.

### Wrote Many Articles

The material is based partly upon the articles by the author which have appeared for years in the National Geographic. The low price of \$5.00 for the set is made possible largely because the cost of engravings was absorbed by the Society, which first used them.

Brother Shiras lives at 4530 Klinge Street, Washington, and spends his summers at Marquette, Michigan.

### "Fifty Years a Surgeon"

No less famous, but in an entirely different field, is "Fifty Years a Surgeon," the latest book of Robert Tuttle Norris '80. First published by Dutton & Co. in 1934, the volume is now in its 13th printing of the first edition, and rights for publication in several foreign languages have been granted. Dr. Norris is now retired and living at Stamford, Conn. (Box 554).

Although he is perhaps best known to the general public for his several books, he has received some of the highest honors available to the profession.

He has represented the American Medical Association at the International Medical Congress in meetings at Copenhagen, Berlin and Budapest. He was president of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1907, and has held numerous other professional posts. Dr. Norris is also a former alumni trustee of the University, and was the first president of the long-thriving Cornell Club of New York.

And, to vary the bill of fare even further, we suggest that every Alpha

## News From Brothers Everywhere

*Paris Martin '07* is one of Boise, Idaho's leading lawyers, with office at 409 Noble Building. The Martins have two grown sons and a daughter.

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*Henry C. Charpiot '86*, retired international jurist, is living in San Francisco, Calif. at 95 West Clay Park. His daughter is married and lives in Cannes, France. Henri, his son, is a sophomore at Leland Stanford University.

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*Clifford S. Bailey '18* is doing sales work for *Cosmopolitan Magazine* in New York at 959 Eighth avenue. He has two young daughters, lives in New Canaan, Conn.

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*William C. Bole '32*, salesman for the Higbee company in Cleveland, writes: "The new Alpha Delt is fine . . . keep it up as it sure helps to keep the alumni in touch with the fortunes of the chapter." "Bill" lives at 1900 East 87th Street.

Delt get a copy of *Harper's Monthly Magazine* for January, 1936, in which appears "Night on the Stills" . . . a short story (his first) by Paul Skelding '19.

Brother Skelding, during office hours, is with the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia at 30 State street, Boston. However, his interest in writing and in the theater has continued since his undergraduate days and he is the author of many "unpublished novels, stories and essays."

Judging from the current offering, however, it seems unlikely that Brother Skelding will find much time for insurance in the future. "Night on the Stills" is a vivid, exciting description of a "stillman's" first night in charge of a Pennsylvania oil refinery.

It is of interest not only because it gives an authentic picture of an industrial process of interest to everyone but because the author has succeeded in injecting an element of suspense which defies our power of description. . . . it must be read to be appreciated.

The Skeldings live on River Street, Norwell, Mass. Mrs. Skelding was the former Elizabeth Mary Drake, Cornell Alpha Phi of the class of '19, is now the mother of two young daughters, Mary and Ellen. Paul wrote the chapter recently: "All Alpha Delt's coming to Boston will be cordially welcomed at our home and I will be glad to be of any possible service to them."

The engagement of Sherman Forbes '35 and Miss Eloise Conner of Stamford, Conn. was announced by the latter's parents late in December. Miss Conner was a member of Delta Delta Delta at Cornell, and graduated in 1934. While here she was prominent in women's activities on the hill. Sherm is now a student engineer with the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

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Nelson W. Cheney, Jr. '35, now a gentleman farmer at Eden, New York, became the proud father of a son, Nelson W. III, on September 29. The new Alpha Delt pledge is his first child. The Cheneys live at 4907 Landrock Road, Eden.

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Two members of the active chapter have returned this semester to continue their undergraduate work. William Arnold '38 has been at home in Cleveland, John Rogers '37 in Wheeling, W. Va.

## Chapter Mourns Deaths Of Sloan, Hahn, Smith

The chapter has mourned the deaths of three alumni members in recent months. The deceased brothers are: John MacArthur Sloan '30, Albert George Charles Hahn '81 and Floyd Monroe Smith, Jr. '24.

Brother Sloan died January 27, 1936 in New York City. He enrolled in the Arts course here in 1926 and completed two years of work. He was a nephew of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors corporation. Further particulars are not available as this is written.

Brother Hahn, one of the founders of the chapter, died December 9, 1935 at his home in Palo Alto, Calif. He was a retired capitalist and inventor, and had earned wide fame earlier in his career for his work in improving photographic processes. For many years he was connected with the Eastman Kodak company. He entered Cornell in 1878, returned four years later to take graduate work in chemistry. He received his M.S. in 1885.

Brother Smith died June 16, 1935 at Omaha, Nebraska, where he had been located since leaving Cornell. After one year here in civil engineering, he returned to Omaha and began working for the Standard Oil company. Since 1926 he had been with Wachob-Bender and company, investment bankers.