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Ice Carnival Rink Being Constructed On Lower Alumni Field

**Chapter Will Combine
With Delta Upsilon,
Kappa Alpha**

With plans to combine with Delta Upsilon and Kappa Alpha for dancing, we are looking forward to Junior Week house party at this writing, although there is that matter of the exam-hurdle to get over first.

The big party comes February 6-9 this year with the theme of "Midnight in Manhattan" surrounding the Junior Week publicity. The prom in Barton Hall (Drill Hall) will present the music of Benny Goodman and Bob Chester.

The event with a new twist is the Ice Carnival scheduled for Thursday night, February 6. This year the carnival is to be held on Lower Alumni Field where a special rink is being constructed. Bleachers will be erected on all four sides of the rink; and the admission price has been boosted to take care of the additional cost. A troupe of professional entertainers numbering 45 has been engaged, all of which means the carnival of '41 should be plenty all right, providing "favorable atmospheric conditions prevail."

We will dance at the Delta U house Thursday night and at our house on Saturday night.

Lose An Automobile Robe? Awaits Owner at House

Were you once the owner of a fine automobile robe of black fur and plush? Did you own it up to this fall and then suddenly miss it following a football weekend at Ithaca?

Such a robe was found at the house following a football game last fall and has since been awaiting its owner.

We will be very glad to ship it if the owner will make proper claim of it. Kindly address chapter-president *Walker (Pete) Peterson* at the house.

Frederick Phillips Dies; Was Consulting Engineer

Frederick Phillips '92, consulting engineer, died at his home in Peterborough, N. H., on June 18, last, following a short illness.

He had been an engineer with numerous projects in New York, New England and Canada, including construction of a large interurban railway bridge in the Mohawk Valley.

In 1903 he joined the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and was later associated with development of the city of Jacksonville, Fla. He moved to Peterborough in 1914 to continue his engineering career.

Roommates Beck, Hutchins Marry Roommates; Become Fathers on Identical Date

A coincidence which deserves special notice is one which concerns *George D. Beck* and *Carlton B. Hutchins*, both of '34.

It seems George and Carl were roommates at the house and, as such, made very frequent trips to Wells to visit Miss Suzanne Jennings and Miss Dorothy Werrenrath. It also happened that Miss Jennings and Miss Werrenrath were roommates.

The couples were both duly married, and even those events were within several months of each other late in 1937. But now to top it all off, both George and Carl become fathers on the very same day, June 1, 1940, and it was a daughter in each case!

The Becks named theirs Helen Woodward; and the Hutchins baby is named Linda. George is an account executive with Geare-Marston, Inc., Philadelphia advertising agency, lives at 615 Spring Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa. "Hutch" is with the Hutchins Lumber & Storage Co., and lives at Harvey, Ill. He is the son of *C. B. Hutchins '07* of Blue Island, Ill.

Chapter's Social Facilities Enlarged With Basement Room

**Was Completed in Time
For the Large Crowds
During the Fall**

The chapter has realized for some time that we did not possess ample facilities to entertain guests at the house following large football games and on other occasions. This fall, following the approval of the Alumni Corporation, a bar was built in the room adjoining the game room in the basement to improve those accommodations.

The bar was constructed by members of the house with the assistance of a local carpenter, and was in readiness for the large crowd over Ohio State weekend, and for fall house party.

Funds for the bar were donated by undergraduates with additional contributions from *W. G. Packard '11*, *Clifford Bailey '18*, and from a fund left by the Junior Week Girls of 1929.

For the last we are especially indebted to *Joe Pursglove '30* who put the funds in a bank following the 1929 fire and kept it at interest until this fall. When he turned it over to the chapter he added enough himself to nearly double the original gift. We also wish to acknowledge the generous gift of Mr. R. C. Heymann, uncle of *Jim Vail '43*, of the large plate-glass mirror over the bar and the glass shelves to hold glasses.

President of Railroad

George P. McNear '13, sometimes called "Plummer" (for the middle initial), is president of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad and lives in Peoria, Ill. Although he went in for crew more than tennis at Cornell, he is somewhat of a tennis fan these years and gets to the National Tennis Championships at Forest Hills regularly. Among his other activities at Cornell were Tau Bete, Quill & Dagger, Canable Club.

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Editor

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Fred Brown '34 Has Son; Ford Sales Manager, Ithaca

A son, and the first child, was born to *Freddie S. Brown '34* last August and has been named Peter Ogden Brown.

Freddie married Helen Ogden (Cornell '34, Alpha Phi), daughter of the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. He is sales manager of the Cayuga Motors (Fords) in Ithaca; is an active member of the Ithaca Junior Chamber of Commerce; lives at 210 N. Quarry St.

Easter Suffers Broken Foot

Jim Easter '41, for two years captain of the Cornell polo team, suffered a bad spill while warming up for a recent match and came out of the mishap with a badly broken foot caused when his horse fell on him. He was confined to the Infirmary for a time but has since returned to the house on crutches. He is due for some five or six weeks more of crutch-hobbling.

With Government Agency

Rodney M. (Hank) Bliss '18, a war alumnus, is a field representative for the Reconstruction Finance Corp. at Little Rock, Ark., with office at 412 Pyramid Building. His residence is 505 Crestview Drive, Park Hill, North Little Rock.

Chairman, Gas Range Division

Alan P. Tappan '17, who studied Arts for a short time, was recently elected chairman of the domestic gas range division of the Association of Gas Appliance and Equipment Mfgs. He is vice-president of the Tappan Stove Co., Mansfield, Ohio.

These Changes Were Made To Alumni Files Recently

These changes were made to the files since the last issue of the paper.

Harold Gifford '79, 3636 Burt Street, Omaha, Neb.

Frederick E. B. Darling '93, 712 Grand Street, Troy, N. Y.

Arthur P. Holloway '07, 161 Wildwood Avenue, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Donald W. Taylor '08, 1100 Pioneer Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

William H. Eastman '17, 666 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill.

W. Randolph Pietsch '24, 918C Linden Avenue, Winnetka, Ill.

Joe K. Bole, Jr. '28, 9500 Marsden Road, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Charles H. Cornish '28, 603 Prospect Street, Maplewood, N. J.

John C. Up de Grove, Jr. '29, 37 St. Andrews Place, Yonkers, N. Y.

Roger B. Williams, III '29, 38 Fulton Street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Fred W. Thompson '30, 7549 N. Oakley Street, Chicago, Ill.

Russell Wilson, Jr. '30, Wynnewood, Pa.

Charles L. McGavern, Jr. '31, 120 Miles Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Richard Seipt '32, Holbrook Drive, Stamford, Conn.

Reginald Werrenrath, Jr. '36, 638 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

John D. Ogden '37, 3620 Hill Road, Little Rock, Ark.

Samuel S. Rockwell '37, 410 Linden Street, Winnetka, Ill.

Hal M. Sawyer '38, 1001 N. Rodney Street, Wilmington, Del.

Still in Wall Street

Creswell M. Micou '18 is still on Wall Street as a partner in Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, and lives at 9 Eastwood Lane, Scarsdale. He and Mrs. Micou have one daughter, Anne 7.

Free Lance Radio Writing

John M. Young '28, who has four uncles and two cousins in the chapter, is engaged in free lance radio writing in New York City, lives at 6 Walbrook Circle, Scarsdale. John was chapter president in his day; married Elizabeth Schmierer in 1933, has two children—Virginia 3, John M., Jr. 1½.

Fraternity Council Displays Greatest Interest in Years

Chapter's Representative Discusses Activities Of First Year

By Ed G. Miller '42

The Interfraternity Council, under the leadership of Jim Bennett '41, Chi Phi, was more active during the first term of this year than during many past years. And one of the principal problems under discussion has been rushing.

It is generally conceded that rushing during the first week of school is a hectic affair at best; that the freshmen get off to a poor start as students and as Cornellians; that classes and athletics suffer; and that many freshmen succumb to Thursday night pressure (first night of bidding) since they aren't sure what other bids they may receive.

Deferred Rushing is Suggested

It was strongly suggested that fraternities return to deferred rushing, but many houses object because of the loss of income from board and dues. However, suggestions that formal bid cards be used, and that each house conduct an evening of open house when a rushee may visit any house he chooses, are being considered.

The only new rule passed thus far is to ban pre-pledging entirely. It is hoped that other new rules will be adopted during the second term to remedy existing problems.

Hold Large Christmas Party

The Council conducted a grand Christmas party at the Straight for Ithaca's welfare children, just prior to the holiday recess, for which each house gave five dollars.

At the latest meeting, house party rules were discussed and, upon the recommendation of Proctor Manning, all rules were dropped with the suggestion that each house be responsible for conducting a respectable affair. The existing rules were deemed superficial and difficult to enforce. Council members have had their interests aroused at least, and the second term should see even greater activity at Council meetings.

Red Court Team Has Good Chance For League Title

**But Loses Tough One
To Dartmouth Before
Over 4,000 People**

At this writing, on January 22, indoor sports have been under way for several weeks and have shown good promise for Big Red successes this year.

The basketball team, under Coach Blair Gulion for the third year, won three league games before dropping a heart-breaker to Dartmouth—and this without the services of the captain and tallest man on the squad (he's on pro).

The team has all-around good ability—outplayed Dartmouth on the floor, but someone must have strung chicken wire over the Cornell basket—only 20% of their shots went through, compared with their usual average of 33%. We expect to see the season turn into a dog fight between Dartmouth and Cornell for the championship.

The wrestling team, in two starts, has defeated Army and Columbia without extending itself too much. The prospects here are excellent for an unusually good season. The boxing team has been riddled by injuries and miscellaneous trouble—has had to forfeit in two classes. The opener with Syracuse was fairly easily taken by the Orange; but the Cornell mit team may yet be heard from by the time the intercollegiates at Penn State roll around.

Winter track has met no competition as yet and will meet none until well along into the second term.

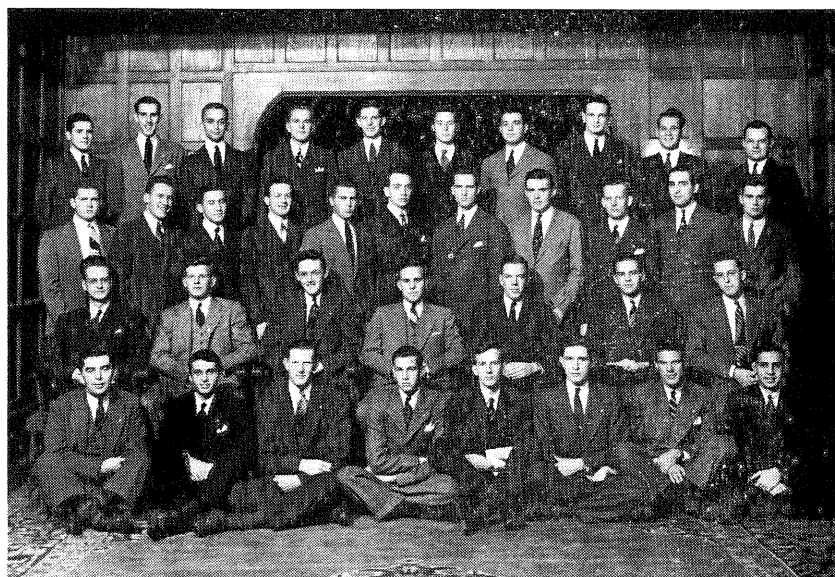
Hall '41 Is Recuperating

John N. Hall '41, who dropped out of school several years ago, developed pneumonia during the recent holidays and was confined to a hospital in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. He has since returned to his home at 280 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, and has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sells Aircraft Products

Ralph Donohue '38, an Ithaca native, is in the sales department of United Aircraft Products at Dayton, Ohio, where he lives at the Y. M. C. A.

Resident Chapter for 1941



BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ricaurte '43, Scafe '44, Dusenbury '43, Carson '43, Weaver '43, Johnson '43, Cadenas '43, Embry '43, Vail '43, Drew '41. **Third row:** Schumm '44, Riggs '44, Herbert '42, Eddison '42, Entenman '42, F. C. Smith '42, Miller '42, Logan '43, Pierce '42, Harris '41, Wells '43.

Second row: J. C. Smith '41, Richardson '41, Robinson '41, Peterson '41, Easter '41, Cole '40, Herrman '41. **Front:** Conway '44, Totran '44, Whittier '44, Roenke '44, Whitaker '44, Aithur '44, Woods '44, Friend '44.

W. C. Russell '80 Dies; Was Veteran Journalist

Many alumni will remember William Channing Russel, Jr. '80 whose death occurred October 26, 1940, in Miami, Fla.

He was the son of William Channing Russel, former professor of history who served as president of the University during the absence of Andrew D. White in 1879-81. He entered Cornell from Ithaca Academy in 1877, received the AB in 1880. He immediately began a journalistic career which included one year on the Springfield Republican; one year on the Pittsfield Eagle. In 1882 he joined the staff of the Philadelphia Press; later the Philadelphia Times; and finally the Philadelphia Record where he remained until his retirement in 1928.

Since his retirement he lived in Miami. While at Cornell he rowed on the crew.

Kindly Use News Blank

Once again we are enclosing a news blank with *The Alpha Delt*, and may we ask you to jot down a news item about yourself, and about other Alpha Deltas. Kindly mail it to the editor.

New Building Going Up For Chem Engineering

Newest building just under way for the campus is a \$700,000 structure for chemical engineering, funds for which have been given by Franklin W. Olin '85 in honor of his son, Franklin W. Olin, Jr. '12 who died in 1921. The latter was a member of Kappa Sigma.

The new building is to be L-shaped and located on the corner directly in front of Sage College, and will be known as Olin Hall of Chemical Engineering. Mr. Olin is president of the Western Cartridge Co., Alton, Ill. The building will have 100,000 square feet of floor space and will provide numerous laboratories of varying sizes. It will be of three stories and basement.

New Skating Area Planned

Among the University's plans for future developments is a dam on Fall Creek near the ROTC stables which will be used principally for ice skating. Because of frequent changing of the water level in Beebe Lake, skating there becomes increasingly uncertain.

We Are Starting An "Un-heard-from" Column On Alumni

Kindly Help Us Check On the Addresses Listed Below

Although the chapter has been publishing the *Alpha Delt* on an unbroken schedule for over five years, and continually sends out Who's Who questionnaires and news blanks to alumni, there still are many men we haven't heard from in some time.

Perhaps we are mis-addressing some of them, so we'd like to start printing their names and address we are using, using 15 to 20 each issue. If you know any of these addresses to be incorrect, please notify us. If you are in these lists, do let us hear from you.

Starting With the "A" Group

John G. Allbright '17, 5323 S. Western Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Norman J. Allbright '20, 5323 S. Western Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Edward R. Alexander '01, National Press Bldg., Washington, D. C.

C. Judson Almy '98 507 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pa.

Jay R. Ammon '98, Berkshire Rd, Gates Mills, Ohio.

Frank M. Andrews '88, Riverside Parkway, Fort Thomas, Ky.

John L. Appleby '19, 68 Rivers Road, Atlanta, Ga.

William R. Arnold '37, 2590 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sylvester G. Averill '91, address needed.

Willard C. Averill, Jr. '11, Richmond, Texas.

Charles C. Bailey '21, address needed.

Leslie D. F. Baker '14, address needed.

Samuel B. Balcom '20, Pulteney Square, Bath, N. Y.

Harry C. Baldwin '97, Slaughton Farm School, Darling, Pa.

Marion F. Bailliere '38, Roselawn, Hudson, Ohio.

Holland Beeber '25, 144 S. Washington Street, Willkes Barre, Pa.

Alumni News Notes in Brief

With 62nd Coast Artillery

G. M. (Jeff) O'Connell '17, a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army, has seen much of these United States in the last 20 years, having been stationed everywhere from the Canal Zone to the West Coast, and now in the East again. He is a staff officer of the 62nd Coast Artillery which gave a demonstration of anti-aircraft weapons and material at the Armory, 643 Park Avenue, New York City, recently. We address him through the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Bank Real Estate Officer

Carlton P. Cooke '17, who was enrolled in Arts & Sciences a short time, is a real estate officer at the Buffalo Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y. He has a son, Carlton P. Jr. '17, who is almost college age; and a daughter Marion '15. Mrs. Cooke is the former Norma Morgan; and their residence is 420 Linwood Ave., Buffalo.

Celebrates 79th Birthday

Charles Ross Browning '83 celebrated his 79th birthday on January 20 at Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J. A retired merchant, he can look back upon the day when he was a football man at Cornell, and captained the first rugby team on the Hill.

Named Regional Chairman

The men of '16 are well-organized to boom up attendance at their 25th reunion in June, and one of the regional chairman is *Ben H. Micon '16* who has charge of Michigan and Indiana. We address him in care of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., Penobscot Building, Detroit, Mich.

Janes '24 in California

An Easterner until fairly recently, *Ted B. Janes '24* has moved to 905 Moraga Drive, Bel-Air, Los Angeles, Calif. He is a representative of Standard Air Conditioning, Inc., and was formerly located in Philadelphia. Ted married Isabelle Kelley; is a brother of *Les B. Janes '21*.

With Pontiac Motor Co.

Tom Midgley, III '36, who came from Harvard and continued his studies until 1939, is in the technical data section of the Pontiac Motor Car Co. and lives at 938 Westwood Drive, Birmingham, Mich. Tom had another addition to the family about a year ago—J. Darby Midgley.

Glee Club With Adams '35

When the Cornell Glee Club went to Maplewood, N. J., for one of its concerts on the annual holiday tour, it made its headquarters at the Beechwood Hotel in Summit, N. J., which is managed by *Benjamin B. Adams '35*. The boys report the hotel to be a rather unique one, and that there stay was very enjoyable.

Higgins is Art Architect

One of the architects for the new \$15,000,000 National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., is *Daniel Paul Higgins*, father of *Daniel P. Higgins, Jr. '38* who attended Cornell several years.

Ely's Visit in Florida

Robert G. Ely '26 and Mrs. Ely of Madison, N. J., were recent visitors at Sarasota, Fla., at the winter home of Bob's mother. He studied mechanical engineering at Cornell, and we address him at 32 Crescent Road, Madison.

Bill Luke Transferred; Also Has New Daughter

William G. (Bill) Luke, Jr. '39, former editor of *The Alpha Delt*, was transferred January 1 from Mechanicsville, N. Y., to New York City as a salesman for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. The office address is 230 Park Avenue.

Another bit of news is that he and Mrs. Luke became the parents of Sandra Elizabeth last October. Mrs. Luke is the former Margaret Elizabeth Harris. They have taken residence at 1310 Bolton Road, Pelham Manor, not far from Bill's home.

Return your Who's Who questionnaire to the editor at the chapter house.