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Acacians Stationed At Army Posts In Defense Program

Three Recent Members Aid At Vital Strongholds

America's entrance into the second World War in December found Acacians serving Uncle Sam in the Pacific and in the Atlantic, as well as, in the United States.

Merle Robie '41, in the Philippines working for the Columbia Rope Company until the Japanese attack, is about 11,00 miles away from Lt. Robert L. Petrie '40 who is now serving with the Signal Corps in Iceland. Merle is on the island of Davao, one of the first to be bombed in the surprise raids

Also serving in the Pacific are: Pvt. Wendell Johnson '43, who is stationed in Hawaii, and Ensign Carl Osberg '42, who is flying torpedo planes for the Navy at the San Diego Air-base.

Attend Army School

Charles E. Crittenden is now at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he is a first-class private in the medical corps. Lt. Warren W. Hawley, '40, is receiving training at the battery school in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Robert C. Bradley, also a Lieutenant in the Cornell R.O.T.C., is taking a course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Warren, Wyoming.

In the Army Air Corps, Lt. Alfred A. Hagedorn, '40, is located at Wright Field, Dayton Ohio, where he is connected with the research division. Kenneth J. Sorace '40, is serving as an instructor at the Parks Air School in East St. Louis, Mo.

In Ithaca, Phillip Loomis is a first Lieutenant in the artillery of the R.O.T.C. and actives Arthur L. Thompson, Henry L. Hood, and Stephen R. Hawley are all in the advanced officer's training course.

Captain Edwin Lunderville, '35, is stationed at Fort Oglethorpe as regimental veterinarian.



Bud Cushing Shines With Cornell Eleven

The sophomore center who made Cornellians forget Finneran and Van Ranst with his brilliant, sparkling play—Meridith Redfield (Bud) Cushing, '44, Electrical Engineering of Eggertsville, stands out among the group of Acacians who participated in varsity competition.

Bud, who saw little action during his freshman year, supposedly had no chance of winning a first-string berth this year, but his hard work and improvement in pre-season practice indicated to the coaches that he was a valuable linesman. After his glittering work in the Syracuse game, he clinched the varsity center position, and for the remainder of the season, he shone on pass defense and offensive assignments.

Bud, son of Albert Cushing, '17, is a versatile boy, a jack-of-all-hobbies. At Amherst Central high school, he starred with the football, basketball and tennis teams.

Other Acacians who were active on the gridiron this season are: Richard Calvin Bonser, '43, Hotel, of Biddeford, Me. and Herbert Barry Winkeller, '45, Agriculture, of Roxbury, Mass. Dick distinguished himself by his hard-

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Fourteen Men Pledged By House To Culminate Rushing

Chairman Hawley's Efforts Bring Total To Sixteen

A vigorous, carefully-planned rushing program under the supervision of Chairman Steve Hawley and his committee, proved instrumental in pledging fourteen men to Acacia this term, despite the restrictions laid down by the new pledging code. With two pledges remaining from last year, this brought the total number to sixteen.

The button-wearers include William Bullivant Gibson, '45, Mechanical Engineering, of Worcester, Mass. Bill graduated from Classical high school and was a member of the Chess and Math clubs in school. At 17, he is the youngest of the pledge class.

Two Transfer Students

ROBERT GARLAND KEIR, '45, Hotel Administration, of Whitefield, N. H., attended Whitefield high school, where he participated in basketball, baseball, winter sports, the Glee club and the orchestra. Bob is 18.

Out for freshmen 150-lb. crew is pledge RICHARD AMSDEN LAWRENCE, '45, Mechanical Engineering, of West Hartford, Conn. Dick prepared at William Hall and was active on the ski and golf teams.

Transfer students and roomates are ROBERT AVERY JASPER, '44, Agriculture of Hudson, N. H., WILBUR CUSHING MAKER, '45, Veterinary Medicine, of Reed's

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Hobasco Lodge Elects

Professor William C. Andrae, '16, has been elected Worshipful Master of Hobasco Lodge 716, F. and A.M. Other officers are H. C. Reed, '08, secretary, V.R. Gage '15, chaplain, and G. F. Heuser, '28, representative.

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IN MEMORIAM

With profound regret, the **Traveler** belatedly announces the death of Stephen Allen Smith, '42, Civil Engineering, of Middletown, New York. Stephen drown in Lake Cayuta on August 11, where he was staying as a student at the Civil Engineering summer camp. His remains were recovered the following Sunday. Stephen attended Monticello high school and was a student at Colgate University before coming to Cornell. He was house manager and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith, and a brother, Warren, a senior at Colgate and Acadian.

Edward Nerent Fernchild, '20, was killed September 14, 1941, when struck by an automobile in Mamaroneck. Since 1925, he had owned and managed his own real estate and insurance agency. During the First World War, he served as a second lieutenant at Camp Lee, Va.

PROGRESS

September, 1934, the Acacia Corporation had a mortgage of \$20,000 on its property at Highland Road. By September, 1939, the mortgage had been reduced to \$17,500. In April 1941, the insurance plan which is aimed at getting the mortgage in the hands of Acacia trustees and eventually liquidating it, was put into effect. Under that plan, an additional \$1700 has been paid, making the mortgage \$15,800. The directors announce that \$1100 of insurance has been sold but an additional \$10,000 must be sold to complete the scheme.

The directors adopted the insurance plan in anticipation of a war emergency. They wanted to protect the Corporation and its property. In the next two or three months, it is expected that the plan will be completed and the mortgage will be in the hands of Acacia trustees.

Message From Petrie

Editor's note: (From the remote, Arctic island of Iceland, recently in the headlines as a strategic outpost of the American "first-line" defense against invasion, comes this letter from Lieutenant Robert Petrie, '37, of Lyndonville, who is stationed there with the United States forces. The value of the following excerpt lies in the authentic, vigorous description of the wild, rugged Icelandic scene.

I haven't quite come to realize what a unique and historic experience this is. My part in it was all determined by the flip of a coin. There were two of us officers in the company at Fort Meade who were bachelors, and therefore eligible to go—being the meek little fellow that I am, I did not volunteer and neither did the other fellow, so—Someday I'll be able to write my memoirs and tell how I won the war by the flip of a coin.

That November third issue of **Life** is an excellent story of the situation as it is here. Incidentally, my own living quarters, or Nissen hut as they are called, is about thirty feet from one of the huts pictured there . . . We even have hot showers, but in cold weather it takes a lot of courage to partake of that luxury more than a couple of times a week. We're wondering how the breezes are going to feel when and if we have any winter maneuvers. Those little breezes reach gale velocity quite often.

The natives here are somewhat reticent and the boys are finding it difficult getting acquainted with the "stulkas". They are predominantly blond and exceptionally pretty. Frankly, I'm content to associate with the nurses—at least I can understand them. The scenery of the island is beautiful, if you can disregard the absence of trees. It really is a beautiful sight to see one of the snow-capped mountain peaks framed by the most vivid rainbows you've ever seen. The beauty of the rainbows must be due to the increased dispersion resulting from the fine misty rains here. The shaggy Icelandic horses, Danish pastries, great gey-

sers, deep fjords, picturesque fishing boats, and wild string-wooled sheep are all peculiarly characteristic of Iceland.

Say hello to my acquaintances there, and tell them I'll welcome and answer any letters they might send.

Faternally,

Pete

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Word From Duvao

Editor's note: (Three days before Duvao, Philippine Islands, was subjected to the surprise aerial bombardment which marked the opening round of the Japanese-American war, Fred Burton received a letter with an overseas postmark. By ironic coincidence, it was from Merle Robie, '37, of Chester, N. H., who has been working in Duvao as a purchasing agent for the Columbia Rope company. An excerpt, containing a vague, uncertain premonition of things to come, is printed below. No further word about Merle has been heard yet.

I am very enthusiastic about my work here although I must admit I look at the calendar every now and then to see how many more months it will be before I can make a trip to U.S.A. It hardly seems possible that I have been here a year already.

The situation has continued pretty tense throughout the Orient but I still feel that war with Japan can be averted. Let us hope so anyway because those of us in Davao would really be in a hot spot if the war came . . .

Faternally,

"Mule"

P. O. Box 288

Dr. Nelson Honored

Dr. John H. Nelson, associate dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences of the University of Kansas, was recently promoted to the assistant deanship of the graduate school.

Dr. Nelson received his Ph. D. degree from Cornell in 1923 and became associate professor of English at Kansas University in 1925.

New Chapter By-Laws Are Introduced At Biennial Conclave

Prof. Heuser, Steve Hawley Chapter Representatives

The Twenty-third Biennial Conclave of Acacia, combined with the first Annual Officers Training School, was held at Cary Hall, Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Indiana, August 25 to 29.

The Cornell Chapter was represented by Prof. Gustav F. Heuser and Senior dean R. Stephen Hawley, '43, of Batavia.

The five days activities attracted 138 alumni and undergraduates representing all of the 25 chapters of the Fraternity.

The training school, a new feature this year, was a great success, owing largely to the careful planning of National President Walter Kolbe and Traveling Secretary Jack Erwin, both of Northwestern. The alumni and the undergraduate delegates voiced their whole-hearted approval of the school, and showed their interest in its continuance.

New Legislation

The Conclave convened at ten o'clock, Wednesday, for the fourth session. Most of the business of the conclave was accomplished at this session. The Judge Advocate presented six amendments to the Laws of Acacia, most of which sought to revise and improve procedural matters. The proposal to require each initiate to pay for a life subscription to the official publications of the fraternity at the time of initiation proved to be a controversial change and was referred for re-drafting. The other amendments were all accepted.

Cagers Win First Two, Protest Third

Acacia's basketball team, after winning against Alpha Chi Rho and Sigma Phi Epsilon by large margins was finally stopped by Delta Upsilon, 20-18. The house team claims faulty scoring on the part of the referee and the game has been protested.

The squad consist of H. B. Crawgey, Bert Spofford, Henry Hood, Bud Cushing, Steve Hawley George Fuller, Bob Smith and Bill Williams.

Hot Dog! House Acquires Mascot

We wish to announce the acquisition of a house mascot.

His name is Pete, a rather prosaic one for a dog who descends from a family of blue-blooded chows ranked high in the canine social register. Pete, presented to the house by H. B. Crowgey, shows no signs of being conscious of his aristocratic ancestry. This little cuss, six-months old, rolly-polly and cute, has rapidly become the darling of the house with his friendliness and playfulness.

Whenever there is a house-dance or party, Pete grabs the spotlight without too much competition. The co-eds love to fondle Pete, a fact which has made several house members jealous of him. However, Pete is off women—that is, with the exception of Sutton, whom he fairly worships.

Pete knows enough not to bite the hand that feeds him.

Christmas Party Hit, Christmas Tree Lit; Mrs. Smith Wins It, Pledges Give Skit

Approximately seventy members and alumni attended the annual Christmas party, held at the house on Sunday evening, December 14. Mrs. Clifford Allenson and Mrs. Walter Cottner, assisted by social chairman Horatio Boynes Crowgey, '42, handled the arrangements for the get-together.

The pledge class presented an amusing satire, which followed the reading of a Christmas story by Mrs. C. B. Moore. After the group sang several carols, "Santa Claus" presented the members with verse-accompanied presents, which they had purchased for each other.

Refreshments were served in the dining-room after the entertainment was ended.

After the gifts were distributed, the house decided, since there would be no more need for it, they should raffle off the huge Christmas tree which stood majestically in the living room, twinkling with multi-colored lights. Mrs. E. Y. Smith won the tree, which will be carted to her home by members.

Many Alumni Gain Prominence In Ranks of Engineers

Acacians Employed In Work Connected To Defense

The ranks of the country's engineers are well-sprinkled with Acacians and investigation shows that their positions represent myriad branches of the engineering field.

For instance, Dr. George Lewis, '08, is the director of the National Aeronautics Commission of America (6506 Ridgewood Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.) while J. Clifford Baker, '29, has gained an executive position in the engineering department of the National Cash Register company (Oxford, N. Y.). Also well-advanced in his work is Paul Thompson, '10, who is chief engineer of the power plants for the Detroit-Edison company. (1119 Devonshire Road, Grosse Pt. Park, Mich.)

Positions Far Flung

Wilbur Barnes, '15, draws his salary as a Mechanical Engineer for the Interstate Commerce Commission (3733 Van Ness St., N. W., Washington, D. C.) and Carroll Griffin, '23, directs the research and control department of the Electro Metallurgical company of Canada. (91 Young St., Welland, Ontario). Holding a position which may be vital in these war times, Clifford Burnham, '14, is a right-of-way engineer for the county flood control district, Los Angeles. (3811 Seneca Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.)

Alfred Rishor, '24, works in the research branch of the Cherry-Burrell corporation (427 W. Randolph St., Chicago), while Tom B. Hyde, '08, serves as a Works engineer for the National Carbon Co., Niagara Falls (3926 Macklem Ave., N. F.). Edward Hughes, '24, is a technician in the Gates and Crellin Lab, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. (same address) and John Fisher, '28, is vice-president of the General Metals Powder company, Akron, Ohio, a significant post in the defense program. (130 Ellnor Ave., Akron).

On the pedagogical side of the engineering fence, Albrecht Naeter, '23, heads the Electrical engineering department at Oklahoma A. & M. College,

Fourteen Men Pledge To House

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Ferry, N. H. Bob, after finishing at Tilton Prep, enrolled at Tilton Junior College for a year before attending Cornell.

Bill Maker attended McGraw Normal Institute and the University of New Hampshire for a full year. At high school, he earned his letters in hockey and baseball.

The house also succeeded in pledging another pair of twins, JOHN PAUL WOODFORD and ALBERT SNOWDEN WOODFORD, both '44, Civil Engineering of West Springfield, Mass.

CHARLES WARNER ALBERT, '43, Hotel Administration, of Troy, N. Y., transferred to Cornell after two years at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. At Troy high, "Chuck" played on the tennis team, edited the school paper, and was a member of the governing board.

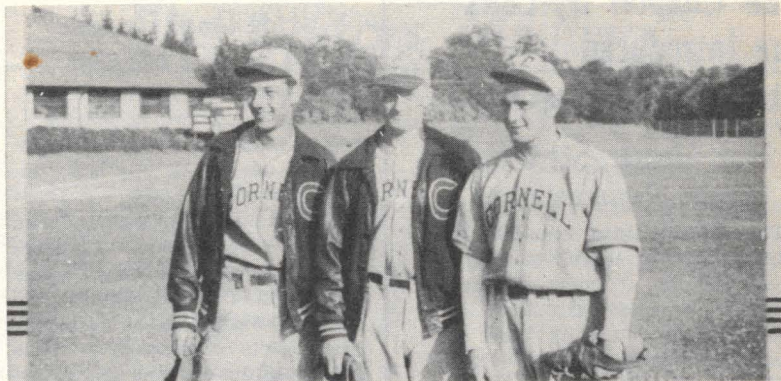
Schooled in Argentina

Also on the pledge list is JAMES KINGMAN HORNE, '44, Mechanical Engineering, of Dover, N. H. Jim attended Herbron Academy, where he was on the swimming team and the publications board. MELVIN HAROLD SIDEBOTHAM, '46, Chemical Engineering, of West Newton, Mass. is a graduate of Lawrence Academy, and starred on the hockey, football and baseball teams. If he finds time, he intends to take a crack at the Cornell hockey team.

EMMONS JOSEPH WHITCOMB, '45, Chemical Engineering of Boston, Mass., went to high school in far-off Buenos Aires, Argentina for four years. A member of the publications board and the basketball team, Joe didn't like the Argentinian atmosphere very well.

Giving Acacia a third brother combination, JOHN MERRIMAN FULLER, '46, Architecture of Spartanburg, S. C., has accepted the pledge bid a year after his brother, member George. John attended Spartanburg high and his dad is a Cornelian. PARKER PERINE SCOVILLE, '45, Agriculture of Ithaca, a DeMolay, played cello in the Ithaca high and All-State orchestra.

HERBERT BARRY WINKELIER, '45, Agriculture, of Roxbury Mass., rounds out this year's group of pledges.



Pictured from left to right are: pitchers Leo Hamalian, Walter Sickles and shortstop Ronald Stillman.

THE MELTING POT

Albert Bolles, '27, is an attorney in Bellows Falls, Vermont (28 Front St.) and Carl Beck, '15, operates a large restaurant in Northampton, Mass. (249 Main St.)

J. Paul Wait, '11, is a member of the bar, in Sturgis, Mich. (106 Cornelia St.) as is Adrian Spencer, '21, of Rochester (39 State St.) . . . Rufus Vail, '40, is in the Cornell Law school . . . Pledges Stan Hoyt and Joe Smith, both '44, who left school at the end of last year, plan to return for the second semester. Stan is in the Electrical Engineering college and Joe is in the Agricultural school . . .

William Sellers, '30, occupied as Jefferson county agricultural agent, dropped in at the house for a brief chat, about a month ago. (714 Ball Ave., Watertown, N. Y.) . . . Bert Spofford '37, of Georgetown, Mass. has returned to school after a year's absence. He has been one of the mainsprings of the fraternity football and basketball team, and will be a candidate for the varsity baseball team.

Henry Hand, '17, is employed as an insurance agent with the New York Life company (24 Denningson Ave., Binghamton)

Jed Hyde Marries

Jed Alfred Hyde, '40 of Niagara Falls, N. Y. married Jane Refield Heroy of Binghamton, N. Y. on October 18.

Jed is the son of Tom B. Hyde, '08, an engineer for the National Carbon company. and had a scholarship in the graduate school at Cornell.

Cushing and Other Members In Athletics

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charging tactics as guard on the 150-lb. football team, while "Wink" showed promise of future stardom by his rocking blocks and skillful signal-calling as freshmen quarterback.

Twins Ronald E. Stillman, '42 and Donald E. Stillman, '43, both Agriculture of Manchester, N. H., are expected to add power and speed to the hockey team this year. Both reported for hockey late last season, and saw action in the concluding games. Ron, during the baseball season, was again selected to the All-Ivy League team, this time as shortstop. In his sophomore year, he was chosen as second-baseman.

Our Own Dr. Kildares

"Is there a doctor in the house?"

Alumni records reveal that there are several Acacians skilled in the medical profession. Harry Britton, '25, is attending physician in the athletic clinic at Cornell. The jovial doctor accompanies the Big Red eleven on its out-of-town games (140 College Ave.). Daniel Fov, '13, conducts a practice in Berkeley, California (18 The Uplands).

Rex Frizzell, '08, has also hung out his shingle in California, the home of his practice being Pasadena (1394 E. Villa Street). Henry Marshall, '34, wields his scalpel at the Medical Center in Jersey City, N. J. (residence unknown).