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Message to Alumni

I hope that this publication will mark the start of a new interest in the active chapter by the alumni; and more important an interest in you by the active chapter. Everyone of you carries a mental picture of the fraternity from which you graduated. Everyone has a different picture; but it is always the happy things that are remembered, the good times, and the working together.

We of the active chapter would like to have these same thoughts as we look back on our college days, and think of ACACIA.

The way the situation is at present the fraternity will be operating with thirty men this fall. Our rushing last fall went very poorly, and the answer is not a certain one. The drop in enrollment that every college has felt now that most "vets" are gone, has made good ACACIANS hard to find, and the competition is tough.

If you know of any good boys who are coming to your Alma Mater this fall who are eligible for membership please send their names right along to Bob Vanderhoek, 1322 Norwood Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

I trust that the next time I talk to you the situation will look brighter.

WILLIAM BURNETT, V. D.



MEMBERS OF THE TEAM THAT PLAYED SYRACUSE (left to right)

Third Row—Paul Curtis, John Mallery, Earle Ginter, Dick Graham.

Second Row—Joe Curtis, Bob Squires.

First Row—Kent Buck, Mac deVesty (with cup), Bill Wickham, Bill Burnett.

Parents Welcomed to Acacia Open House

There were a number of big items on the Acacia social scene during the spring term.

Parents' Weekend was held April 21, and the Chapter house was visited by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilford, of Williamsburg, Va., parents of Joe Wilford; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Noonburg, Wilmington, Del., parents of Bill Noonburg Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hower, Scranton, Pa., parents of Dave Hower; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Squires, Massena, N. Y., parents of Bob Squires; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rich, Hobart, N. Y., parents of Wally Rich; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm S. McIlroy, parents of Doug McIlroy; and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burnett, parents of Bill Burnett. The parents and actives spent an entertaining evening, the entertainment being along the musical line by "Tex" Youngdahl, Rod Munsey, "Shovelfoot" DuBois, Dick Davis, among others.

The next day, Sunday, the customary Faculty-Alumni tea was held, and scores of Acacia alumni from the Ithaca area and among the Cornell faculty were present. Altogether, this weekend was a great success socially.

Perhaps the biggest item was the traditional Cornell-Syracuse softball game and picnic, this year held at Fillmore Glen, near Moravia, N. Y., which is near Cortland. There was a

huge turnout from both chapters, with good fellowship and an ample supply of beer. The afternoon was warm, though partly overcast; the only thing to spoil the party was the defeat of the local forces by the Syracuse contingent, by an 8-7 margin. The new trophy, a cup (*see cut*) bestowed by "Mac" deVesty (whom we believe wanted Syracuse to win all the time), thus fell to the invaders. This was Sunday, May 6.

Other activities during the term have included several softball and picnic affairs at Enfield Glen, and "Vic" dances here at the house.

Coming up for the weekend of May 12-13 is the annual Spring Day, with all its accompanying activities. Over thirty couples will be in attendance, the largest group in a long time. No houseparty was held during Junior Week, in February, and this houseparty will make up in full measure. A "Strength Test" concession will be in operation Friday night on Lower Alumni, with helium-filled balloons as prizes. For the traditional crew race, a replica of the Polynesian-type raft "Kon-tiki" has been constructed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deakayne and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hayner will be chaperoning. With the large turnout and the variety of activities planned, this should be the greatest Acacia houseparty yet!

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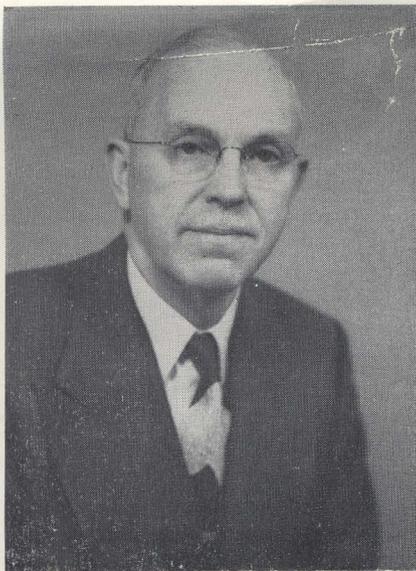
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ACACIA INITIATES TWELVE

The house is twelve ways richer since February eleventh when our largest pledge class in two years was initiated. During the preceding week the house blossomed forth with windows, ones that you could really see through, floors, nice and slippery, paint, especially the "baby blue" dining room, baggy eves, and free cigarettes. Then just like old times, the same wonderful feeling appeared after

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ALUMNI NEWS



PAUL W. THOMPSON, '10
(Cut courtesy Cornell Alumni News)

Notes from the Traveler Editor

Since this is the first issue of the *Traveler* that I have had the pleasure to work on, I have never had a chance to talk with you all personally. Before I go any farther, I want to thank all those who helped me with this issue. These include Bill Burnett, Dave Hower, Doug McIlroy, John Gordon, last year's editor, and of course "Doc" Bradley, whose efforts made this issue possible. I hope you all like the new format as much as I do. Since this new type of *The Traveler* will reach you four times a year the news will be fresher, more condensed and easier to read. By coming to you four times a year it will keep you in closer contact with us, and this we feel is vital.

I overheard two alumni talking to each other during our last corporation meeting and one said, "I often drive by the house but I never stop in, even though I'd like to, because I feel that I wouldn't be welcome." This is just the feeling that we actives want to change. Naturally I assured him he was always welcome, and that I hoped to see both of them around more often. I then realized that this attitude might be general, and so I am extending a similar invitation to all of you. If you can't come, write, we want to hear from you. Perhaps a quarterly *Traveler* will help in stimulating your interest, more, because we appreciate your support in every way. Have a good summer and I'll write you again next fall.

Leland Spencer, '21, Professor of Milk Marketing at Cornell, states that milk control programs have raised the cost of milk to the public as well as the prices paid producers, but the increase is much less than is generally believed. In a recent appraisal of milk price regulations, Spencer says that although both Federal and State milk programs have had serious faults, on the whole, these programs have been in the public's interest.

Paul W. Thompson, (*see cut*) '10 is Vice-President of the Detroit Edison Co., and has charge of Engineering which places upon him the general responsibilities for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Company's plants. This responsibility also covers the Company's gas, steam, and electric transmission and distribution systems. Paul keeps up his intimate contacts with Cornell through serving a second term as a member of the Engineering Committee on Buildings and Grounds. He lives at 1119 Devonshire Road, Grosse Point Park 30, Michigan.

Donald D. Whitson, '20 writes, "Still farming just outside of Afton, N. Y. on Route 41 South."

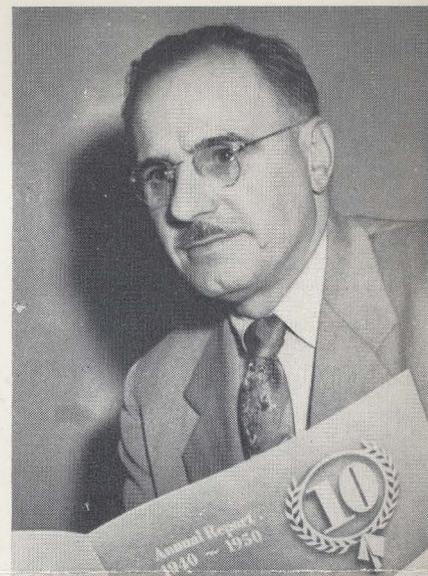
Dr. Clayton E. DeCamp, '22 of Scarsdale, N. Y. was elected President of the Cornell Veterinary College Alumni Assn. at the Annual Conference of Veterinarians at the Veterinary College, Ithaca, Jan. 3-5, 1951.

Dr. Edward R. Cushing, '18 was elected to the Executive Committee of the Cornell Veterinary College Alumni Association at its last meeting.

Ronald E. Stillman, '39 is working for Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. as a salesman, and he writes that he has just had a nice promotion, and is enjoying his work tremendously. He has recently been transferred to Detroit, and his address is, c/o Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., Fisher Bldg., Detroit, Mich. "Ronnie" also said that he and Marilyn have a new baby, Ronald Garfield Stillman, born Jan. 28, 1951.

Robert Snider, '48, writes that William B. Gibson '48 was the father of a baby girl about the middle of April. Thanks for the information Bob and congratulations to you Bill.

John C. Huttar (*see cut*) '25, was elected President of the Poultry and Egg National Board at its Tenth Anniversary Meeting in Chicago during January 1951. "Johnny", as the genial PENB president is called by friends in every part of the country, has had experience in just about every phase



JOHN C. HUTTAR, '25

ACACIA INITIATES TWELVE (Continued from page one)

the final ceremony at Masonic Temple. Exuberance was the order of the day at the Ithaca Hotel banquet which followed the ceremony. It wasn't hard though, after the turkey and mashed potatoes were finished, for Cliff Reed to catch our attention when he told us about things at Cornell back in '07. (You can come tell us more any time Cliff, we'll all listen.)

The initiates are: Robert Baker, Chem. E, '53, Middletown, Pa.; Clarence "Boner" Blase, Arch., '53, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Robert Cipperly, Ag., '52, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Richard Davis, Arts, '53, Berwick, Pa., Donald DuBois, Arts, '54, Little Falls, N. Y.; Earle Ginter, Chem. E, '53, Nanticoke, Pa.; Gene Hawkins, Arts, '54, Mulberry, Ind.; Jonathan Hayt, Arts, '54, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.; Rodney Munsey, Arts, '54, Iaconia, N. H.; Hans "Pete" Schonenberg, Ag., '52, Toms River, N. J.; James Symons, C. E., '54, Larchmont, N. Y.; and Raymond Ways, C.E., '54, Elizabeth, N. J.

The house has profited from these new men already. DuBois at the piano and Davis with his sax, have teamed up with Ira "Tex" Youngdahl on the guitar to make a "cool Combo" for entertainment around the house. Four already hold house offices: Blase as Social Chairman; Cipperly as Athletic Chairman; Ginter as Sentinel; and Symons as Triad Correspondent and *Traveler* Editor. We're more than satisfied with our new brothers, but we're still after more.

of the poultry industry. Huttar heads the Department of Farm Management of the Cooperative Grange League Federation in Ithaca, N. Y.

CHANGES IN ACACIA HOUSE NUMEROUS IN PAST YEAR

This spring has proved a time for clean up at the house. We started off by painting the basement walls a light green, which really lightens up the room. This painting was done primarily to keep up with the pool table which was recovered, the old cushions and pockets being replaced. To run the expense of the reconditioning, several of the fellows prepaid pool games. With this fund the pool table was put into service. Ever since then we have been paying a dime a game in order to pay back the men who made this improvement possible. Thanks go to those who helped put the pool table back into use. A few weeks ago the basement floor was painted to put on the finishing touch, and now the basement has come into its own. Anytime of the day one can hear the crack of pool balls as another drops into the pocket.

The painting was carried upstairs when we painted the dining room a light blue and the living room a light grey. Those of you who have visited "318 Highland Road" in the last few years remember the chocolate brown color along the lower wall panel in the living room,—well the light grey covers that—and the beautiful grey grain in the beams is emphasized, to make a much improved looking room. After we finished painting this room, Pete Schonenberg, one of our new actives, suggested we rearrange the furniture, so we proceeded, finally deciding on the piano in the southwest corner, the couch in the northeast, and the chairs centered toward the fireplace.

A few of the rooms have been painted upstairs, including the center bathroom. This summer and next fall the fellows expect to finish the rest of the rooms that need attention.

The future plans are quite extensive, we have actually decided to permanently improve the parking area. Two plans have been presented. A plan was drawn up, under the professional advice of a future architect, "Boner" Blase, to redesign the present layout. The Corporation suggested we put it on the North side of the house. The plan to be used will not be decided until the Board of Directors' meeting, the week of May 13th.

The house will be painted next fall before the semester starts. There is some repair work to be done on the stucco before the painting, but with the spirited bunch coming back next fall, this will be done in no time.

The Pledge Front

The chapter is getting on the ball with its pledge program. Mac deVesty our graduate Godsend from the Syracuse Chapter, together with Al Hoyt, planned the details which call for a good orientation in fraternity history and traditions, and stresses the principle of Pythagoras, "Unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required." From now on our pledges should become better Acacians than those of us who are now active members.

Sad to say, rushing is far from what it might be. We have pledged only seven men this spring term. We have hopes for a good program next fall; but we need more than hopes—we need twenty-five—that's right, twenty-five new members. We'll contact all the men we can during the summer, but we can't get hold of men we don't know about. We will make the same old plea again: **WE NEED RECOMMENDATIONS.** Some of the houses had over two hundred alumni recommendations for last fall's rushing, while we had six. We admit that this laxness is greatly our fault, but this year we will guarantee *all letters will be answered.* We will do our best in the summer and next fall, and with plenty of assistance, Acacia will again be fifty strong.

A Review of Sports

Since our football season closed, Acacia has been very active in the other sports of the inter-fraternity sports program. The first endeavor after touch football was basketball. Dinner was often informal on the nights of the games as the house went all out to help the team. The team practiced in the Gym several afternoons after classes, and this extensive practice paid off. From five individual players they moulded a closely knit outfit whose accent was on teamwork. Led by Vanderhoek, the only man in the east who shoots with accuracy with either hand, and Cipperly, our hard driving playmaker, the team piled up an impressive number of points against stiff competition.

As soon as the basketball season was over, we looked for new fields to conquer. Next on our list was volleyball, and our participation in it was just as vigorous as it was in basketball. Again, after-school practices were the order of the day, and the team soon shaped up very well. Manpower was at a high peak, there being two or three, sometimes as many as five substitutes waiting to play. Led by Joe Wilford, our 6' 4" forward man, and

SUB FROSH WEEKEND A SUCCESS

April 27, 28 and 29 the house played host to a group of high school seniors who plan to enter Cornell in the fall. Our guests trickled in Friday afternoon; then during supper "Doc" Bradley breezed in with four more boys from New England; we were planning on him, but not so late. Engineer's Day provided entertainment for the evening. Saturday morning we showed the boys the campus and classes. That afternoon they were entertained by football and lacrosse matches—they all found lacrosse amazingly rugged as compared to football. During the Corporation meeting Saturday night we took them to the movies and knocked the girl in the box office off her feet by buying eleven tickets at once. We think the weekend was well worthwhile. We got well acquainted with several good boys, and of course they met us and got an advance orientation on the campus. We want to thank "Doc" Bradley especially for bringing seven boys down from New England.

Sub-frosh guests were: William Billet, Wollaston, Mass.; George Broadbent, New Bedford, Mass., Gerald Cayward, Burdett, N. Y., Richard Hanks, Ithaca, N. Y., Richard Jensen, Gloucester, Mass., Edward Lincoln, Milton, Mass., James Perry, Quincy, Mass., David Rand, Chester, N. H., John Tasker, Hillsboro, N. H.

Accompanying them were R. C. Bradley, Cornell, '23, Henry Stevens, Gossville, N. H., '29, and Walter Platt, Kensington, N. H., a friend of Doc's.

one of our fine pledges, Jose Gautier, the team got off on the right foot by stamping their first opposition. After that initial success the team continued to work out in order to polish the rough edges a little, and we ended the season as we started it, with a victory.

We are now occupied with our baseball interests. We are doing pretty well in that area also, winning our last game 21-3. In that game we were leading 4-3 going into the last of the fifth. That was a memorable inning as we batted around more than twice, eight runs scoring before a man was retired. We have one more game to play, and with pitchers Squires and Hanna in good form, we will probably win.

In wrestling, one active, Ray Ways, and one pledge, Ted Hanna, had no trouble getting into the finals. In this final match Ray took third place and Ted fourth. Also in the field of minor sports we kept a bowling team active all winter, and we hope to get a horse-shoe pitching team in action.

BUSINESS' GAIN IS ACACIA'S LOSS 15 Seniors Graduate

GEORGE BASSETT, *Freemont, N. H.*

George is going to be married on the twenty-third of June. He and his wife will then take up residence in Fremont where George is going to work on his Dad's farm.

JAMES BROWN, *South Dayton, N. Y.*

Although "Jim" has only been with us two years he is leaving this Spring, being a product of the two year curriculum in the "Ag" school. He is going to have an opportunity to practice what he learned in school on his Dad's farm.

RALPH BROWN, *Waterport, N. Y.*

Like Jim Brown, Ralph is a two year student, and so graduates this year. He plans to go into partnership with his father and help run the farm, Uncle Sam permitting.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, *Ransomville, N.Y.*

"Collie" as he is known around the house, is a product of Cornell's R.O.T.C. training program as well as a graduate of the "Ag" school. Under R.O.T.C. regulations, he will enter flight training soon after graduation.

ROBERT COPELAND, *Elizabeth, N. J.*

Bob plans to come to Summer School here at Cornell in order to get his final credits for his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. With the shortage of engineers now beginning Bob hopes to have no trouble getting a job next fall.

JOSEPH CURTIS, *Derry, N. H.*

Joe, a graduate of the Arts School, hopes to get into Medical School next fall and start the long road toward becoming a Doctor. These plans are subject to change without notice by the Navy.

PAUL CURTIS, *Derry, N. H.*

Paul, like "Collie", graduates not only from the "Ag" School but also under the R.O.T.C. program. Because of this Paul has to put farming aside while he fulfills R.O.T.C.'s requirement of two years' service. He will enter the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant this summer.

JOHN CURTISS, *Ransomville, N. Y.*

John plans to work with his Dad at their Chicken Hatchery in Ransomville. Someday he hopes to go into partnership with his father. However, his plans may be changed by the U. S. Armed Forces.

RICHARD GRAHAM, *Stow, N. Y.*

Dick graduates from the Hotel School here at Cornell, and wanting



Dick Davis, with Sax, Don DuBois at the piano, and Ira Youngdahl with the Guitar play for the parents attending Parent's Weekend. Rod Munsey, the "emcee" looks on.

Spring Rushing Produces Six Fine Pledges

LEE ESSLEY EDWARDS

"Lee", who hails from Ridgewood, N. J., graduated from the Peddie School in 1950. Outside of his studies, Lee enjoys golf and fishing, with the accent on golf. He is enrolled in Mechanical Engineering, Class of '55.

JOHN BERNARD FRISBEE

From Bronxville, N. Y., John graduated from Bronxville High School in '49. He received a P.T.A. scholarship to Cornell. He is in the College of Agriculture, Class of '53.

JOSE BIENVENIDO GAUTIER

Although Jose was born and makes his home in Ciudad Trujillo, Dom. Rep., he graduated from the Peddie School in 1950. His main activities in high school were Wrestling and Photography. Jose is in the "Ag" School, studying Animal Husbandry, Class of '54.

CHARLES ANTHONY GEYH

Charlie comes from Hartsdale, N. Y., but he graduated from White Plains High School with a spectacular 96 average. Honors were heaped on him at graduation as he received two scholarships to Cornell and the R.P.I. medal for excellence in mathematics and Science. He is now a Junior and will get his B. Ch. E. in 1953.

THEODORE WESTON HANNA

Ted, who hails from Avon, N. Y., received his sheepskin from Avon High in 1948. While in high school he participated heavily in sports, being on the baseball team. He is a junior in the "Ag" school, Class of '52.

JOHN STANLEY MALLERY, JR.

From Albany, N. Y., John graduated from Albany High School in 1948. He was very active in sports there, being on the Track and Cross-Country team. He is in "Ag Engineering", Class of '52.

to waste no time before starting to work he plans to get a job at a summer resort now, and then go down south next winter.

ROBERT HOWE, *Antwerp, N. Y.*

Bob plans to work this summer on his uncle's farm in a small town right near Antwerp. His future plans are undetermined, and are subject to Service.

JOHN LAUBER, *Amsterdam, N. Y.*

"Bucky" as his friends call him, graduates from the Industrial and Labor Relations School, and after graduation hopes to go right back into school, one sponsored by the General Electric Company. Here "Bucky" hopes to learn more about plant organization and management. Being a veteran he doesn't have to worry about the army.

CHESTER POHL, *Vernon, N. Y.*

"Chet" is another of our many graduates from the "Ag" School and he plans to work with his Dad on their farm back home.

OAKLEY RAY, *Altoona, Pa.*

"Oak" hopes to go to graduates school, perhaps at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduates from the Arts School, a psychology major.

WALLACE RICH, *Hobart, N. Y.*

"Wally", another "Ag" graduate, will go into partnership with his Dad, and help raise those "Rich-quality Eggs."

WILLIAM WICKHAM, *Hector, N. Y.*

Bill, like Paul and Collie, has to put his thoughts of farming in the back of his mind for two years while he concentrates on serving his country. "Wick" has an R.O.T.C. scholarship.