



THE TRAVELER

Cornell University Chapter of Acacia Fraternity

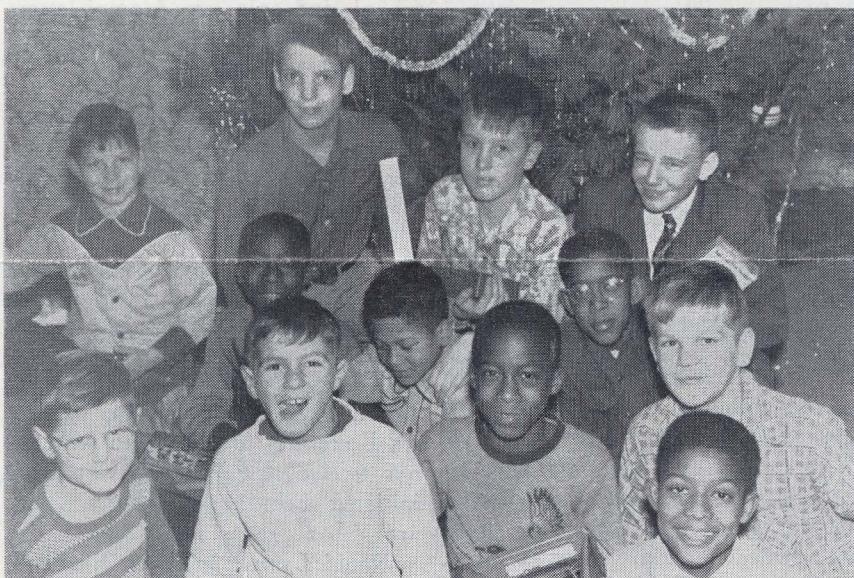


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THE KIDS REALLY HAD A TIME



These happy faces reflect some of the joy we felt when we entertained twelve boys from the West Side Settlement home in Ithaca at our Annual Christmas party on December 14. Credit goes to Don DuBois for this excellent picture.

ACACIA'S MID-WINTER SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS FEATURE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN'S PARTY

After Fall Weekend, November 2-4, the social calendar continued with a "Monster" theme party at the house, November 17.

Our Faculty-Alumni tea was held Sunday afternoon, December 9th at the house. Several score of our alumni and friends on the hill were present, and made this event a great success. We wish to thank Mrs. Wilbur Meserve, Mrs. Lloyd Hayner, Mrs. W. W. Cotner, Mrs. E. M. Strong, Mrs. Lincoln Reid, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. A. J. Cheney and Tea Chairman, Bob Baker for their good work on this event.

The next Friday, December 14, a party was held at the house for a group of twelve children from the West Side Settlement home in Ithaca. Presents were given, and Christmas cheer brightened all. The next night, our annual Christmas Party was thrown downtown. We were success-

ful in hiring the hall over the Chanticleer, and thanks to Social Chairman Charlie Geyh and helpers, champagne and music flowed freely and a wonderful time was had by all.

As last year, no houseparty was held during Junior Week. The Spring pledge class of twelve organized and presented an old-clothes party at the house, February 16. The big news on the horizon is the annual Pledge Formal on March 1st, the week after

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Pledgemaster FREDERICK SCISM

Acacia Brothers Help to Improve House and Grounds

With the fall rushing program starting off immediately at the outset of the term, the fall house improvements had to be done prior to the beginning of classes. Arriving several days early, the entire membership of the house worked hard to eliminate some of the more serious defects in the house's appearance.

Six trees were removed from the front lawn and a month's accumulation of grass was cut and removed from the premises. To alleviate mud and dust in the driveway we applied a liberal amount of gravel; this seemed to do the job. However, we hope our efforts will not be destroyed by the effects of an Ithaca winter. To put the finishing touches on the outside of the house, we had the stucco at the front of the house repaired, the front painted entirely, the porches painted, and the woodwork protected with a creosote coating. Inside the house we gave everything in sight a thorough cleaning and painted the cellar floor. As an individual project those persons living in rooms that needed painting did so, and at their own expense. All of the rooms have now been painted, either this fall or last winter.

The new pledge class has undertaken as a pledge project, the construction of a new room in the cellar from what had previously been storage space. Under the able direction of the pledge president, Lem Wingerd, and with the advice of Icye Youngdahl, who acts as general supervisor, and performs liaison between the pledges and the active chapter, the pledges have been working very hard. The project has yet to be completed, but plans call for sheet rock walls and

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James M. Symons Editor

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William Burnett Ends Term as VD

The Fraternity Chapter's activities were at a standstill during the last month of the semester as finals loomed closer and closer, but now that they are behind us much is being done to promote Acacia's activity calendar.

Our rushing this year has been handled during two distinct periods. The first period, immediately after school commenced, lasted three weeks, during which time we rushed and pledged an excellent group of men. The second period encompassed the first two weeks of the spring term.

After fall rushing every member of the chapter found himself behind in his studies, which meant only one thing . . . burning the midnight oil until he could catch up on his assignments. This 'all out' effort brought the desired results and this spirit seemed to be passed on to the pledge class, who proved their worth when initiation time rolled around. Twelve out of thirteen pledges were eligible for initiation.

The death of our cook, Mrs. Kennedy, was sad news to all of us when we returned from Thanksgiving vacation. Our new cook, Mrs. Thompson, is doing a very good job and we expect her to be with us for many pleasant years.

With this article I will end my term as Venerable Dean and I would like to extend the following report and submit a few suggestions. The chapter, as aforementioned, has done well in rushing and scholarship. The pledge class has taken as their project

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NOTES FROM THE TRAVELER EDITOR

I personally want to thank *Marcus A. McMaster* who contributed \$2.00 toward the publication of the "Traveler." It is obvious that anyone who would take time to write us a letter as well as send money must enjoy reading the paper, and knowing that someone appreciates our efforts makes the work seem much more worthwhile. Thanks also goes to *Charles M. Harrington* who wrote a long and interesting letter about his activities.

Elections are coming on March 3 and my term as editor will be over, so this is the last letter I will be writing

to you. I only wish I could end on a happy note but I must admit you have disappointed me. Of the 350 "Blue sheets" that were sent out with the "Traveler" only 44 have been returned, and only two Alumni letters were received. Believe me, we can't exist without your support.

Thanks go to those who helped me with this issue, *Bill Burnett*, *Ted Hanna*, *John Gordon*, *Bob Baker*, and of course, our pillar of strength, *Doc Bradley*.

—James M. Symons

★ SPORTS NEWS ★

As we look back on last term, Acacia's athletic teams showed up very well. The football team had a lot of spirit. With *Bob Squires* kicking field goals and *Kent Buck* directing the team from the quarterback slot we had our share of wins. The bowling team finished very strong with a 3-2 record and the two they lost were very close. With all of the bowlers returning next fall, things look very good. The basketball team is doing quite well. We have a young team and should improve next year. They lost an overtime game last week by one point and have two games remaining. *Dick Davis* is high scorer for the team with an eight point game average. At this writing the members are looking forward to volleyball and softball. Most of the team that played last year are back and we here at Acacia are looking forward to some very fine teams this spring, and of course, to the annual Syracuse game in which we are determined to return the softball trophy to Cornell.

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initiations. Chaperones are as yet undetermined.

On several unoccupied Saturdays, vic dances have been given at the house. We are all looking forward to the coming of spring and to its much enlarged social program.

Twelve New Initiates Join Acacia's Ranks

We of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity are happy to welcome our twelve new brothers who were initiated February 24, 1952. They are:

David Lynn Champlan, Binghamton, N. Y.—M. E. '55

Joseph Anthony Delario, Wyckoff, N. J.—Arts '55

James LaZear Freeman, Watkins Glen, N. Y.—Arts '55

Richard Leo Hanks, Ithaca, N. Y.—Ag. '55

Ernest Lewis Mathews, Elmhurst, L.I., N. Y.—Arts '55

John Alan Shepardson, Elmira, N. Y.—Ag. '55

David Noel Schwardt, Ithaca, N. Y.—M.E. '56

William L. Stevens, Westerlo, N. Y.—Ag. '55

Frank Floren Tetz, Elmira, N. Y.—Arts '55

Richard Marvin Townsend, Hartsdale, N. Y.—Arts '55

David Phelps Williams, Manhattan, L.I., N. Y.—Arts '55

Lemuel Bell Wingard, Aspinwall, Pa., Chem E. '53

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ceiling, recessed lighting, and considerable painting and decoration. A fuller description of the completed job will be in a later issue.

Read The Latest News From Our Loyal Alumni

Albert T. Bolles '25 is still practicing law at Bellows Falls, Vt., in the firm of Bolles and Bolles. Tom writes that "He has been through the chairs" of the Masonic Lodge at Bellows Falls. At present he is putting in a lot of time with the local hospital, being a director, etc., and as a trustee of the Vermont Hospital Association. In the fall Tom puts on "the white pants and stripped shirt and chases the boys around on the football field," as he has been a member of the New England Intercollegiate Association for several years. He has two boys, Thomas Vincent and Arthur Francis who are in High School, both of which are very active in many extra activities just as Tom. The Bolles family live at 19 Williams Terrace, Bellows Falls, Vt., and extend a welcome to any of the old gang to stop in and see them when passing through.

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Herbert D. Laube '26 became a Professor Emeritus of Law at Cornell in June 1948. Since that time Prof. has been spending his time in writing, and has a new book on "Case -book in Quasi - Contracts" coming off the press in the very near future. Herbert and his wife live at 522 Dryden Road, Ithaca, N. Y.

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Roy C. Johnson '20 is a practicing Veterinarian and lives at Livingston Manor, N. Y.

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Richard H. Teel '48 is employed as Broiler Supervisor for Swift & Co., Palmer, Mass. Dick's brother, Larry is attending New Hampton School for Boys at New Hampton, N. H. Dick's address is Nysmuck Road, Palmer, Mass.

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Charles E. Cormany '19 is Chief Agronomist for Holly Sugar Corp. in charge of Agricultural Research for the Corporation in the Ten Western States. Charlie has two sons, both

NO ONE EVER GETS FINED AT ACACIA



Thanks to Mrs. Thompson, no one is ever late for dinner at Acacia. Again we must express our thanks to Don DuBois for catching the "Chow Hounds" in action.

attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Cormanys live at 375 Kilbourne Street, Sheridan, Wyo.

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Eugene P. Deatrick '14 is back at West Virginia University after spending ten years with the U.S.D.A. "Gene," as he is better known to the old gang, has one son, E. P. D., Jr., who is a Captain, graduating from West Point in 1946. In November, 1946, he has had the great misfortune of losing his wife, Lily Bell, and now he is living in a big house alone ready to receive any of the "old gang" at any time. Gene lives on Stewarttown Road, Morgantown, W. Va.

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Sheldon E. Brink '22 after teaching twenty-six years in the Schools of Walton, N. Y., retired in 1948. He is engaged now in Institutional and Farm Training with Veterans in that area, and reports that he is kept very busy and enjoying his work. Sheldon has two sons, the younger is a member of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia, and is now a senior. The Brinks live at 61 Griswold Street, Walton, N. Y.

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Charles W. Albert '42 is Steward for S. H. Kress in Huntington Park, Cal. "Chuck" left Miami a year ago

and spent some time in Dallas, Tulsa, and Los Angeles before accepting his present position in California. He sends his best regards to all the fellows, and if any happen to get in that section of "Sunny California," to be sure and look him up. His address is 6331 Templeton Street, Huntington Park, Cal.

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Robert T. Reid '35 is working for the firm of Masten and Hurd, Architects in San Francisco, Cal., and is still unmarried. "Bob" reports that he sees *Rufus Vail* occasionally in San Francisco. Bob's address is 3170 Waverly Street, Palo Alto, Cal.

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William Burnett

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the renovation of part of our basement and this will be completed soon. With the spirit that is now prevalent in the house I think it would be a good time to start working on our Annual Founders' Day banquet and Corporation Meeting to be held in the spring of each year as outlined in my last article.

I hope that many of you will drop by the house if you are in Ithaca. We are all looking forward to meeting more of you.

—William C. Burnett

READ THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR LOYAL ACACIA ALUMNI BROTHERS

Wilbur J. A. Barnes '13 is still carrying on as Supervising Engineer of the Bureau of Locomotive Inspection of the Interstate Commerce Commerce Commission. Bill's duties cover all engineering problems incident to administration of the Locomotive Boiler Inspection Act, which established safety standards of all locomotives used upon lines of railroads engaged in interstate commerce in the continental U.S. As there are nearly fifty thousand units of equipment involved, he says that the problems are many and varied. Bill reports that the work is most interesting, and it is a great satisfaction to know that many people are alive today because of accidents that were prevented from happening. He sends his best regards to all. Bill lives at 106 N. Adams Street, Rockville, Md.

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Russell J. Smith '26 is employed by G.L.F. as an Agent, District Buyer and Manager in Western New York State. "Russ" has a son who is a Freshman at Cornell, and a younger son who is in High School. The Smiths live at 110 Ross Street, Batavia, N. Y.

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Perry D. Slocum '33 operates the Slocum Water Gardens at Binghamton, N. Y., which he started in 1945, by having a bulldozer dig out all the ponds (which had been a big weed patch), and gradually developed it into a most attractive place. The Water Gardens cover about ten acres, and are located on Routes 11 and 12.

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Dewey Stewart '24 is in the Bureau of Plant Pathology, U.S.D.A., Washington D.C. Dewey has a son who is a Senior at Yale, and two daughters who are in the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing. The Stewarts live at 1736 Webster St., N.E., Washington, D.C.

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Selleck J. Carpenter '47 is working for his father as a Construction Superintendent and finds his job most interesting. Jack writes that he saw Roy

Clarke, Bob Bergren and *Charlie Deakyne* in Washington during August, and that all were fine. Jack hopes that if any of the fellows are passing thru Buffalo, they give him a ring. He and his wife live at 4035 Harlem Road, Snyder, N. Y.

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Harvey W. Mertz '47 is employed by the Philco Corp as an Electronics Field Engineer, and is on a contract with the U.S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics working with the Naval Aviation Electronics Service Unit. Harvey writes that he has been out in the Hawaiian Islands for seven months, and is now on Whidbey Island in Washington working with the Commander Fleet Air in Seattle. He says that it is a most interesting position, working with the Navy on Aviation Electronics equipment. On May 20, 1951 Harvey was married to Miss Theresa Mary Strelz of Queens Village, N. Y. *Bob Snider* and *Paul Warner* attended the wedding. As Harvey is traveling most of the time, his home address is 8828 249th Street, Bellerose, N. Y.

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John E. McCuen '38 is still with the Soil Conservation Service in Rhode Island, and writes that "the welcome mat is always out for any of our friends, altho I have not seen any of the old gang since I last suggested that they make this a port of Call." John with his wife Lucy and children Janet and Chip live at 48 Montrose Street, East Greenwich, R. I.

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Raymond Pearson '38 is practicing medicine out in the corn belt with his wife who is also a physician—a practicing pediatrician. The Pearsons have one young son. Ray says he doesn't talk much yet but sure gets into things easily. The Pearson's address is Apt. B, Pasfield Park Apartment Building 6, Springfield, Ill.

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Edwin H. Hadlock '27 is a Professor in the Math Department at the University of Florida. Ed writes

that the whole family likes the people and the sunny climate of the South. The Hadlocks have one son and two daughters whom they say have about turned into "fish" as they enjoy swimming so much. Ed and his wife Janet and the children live at 1021 N.E. 4th Street, Gainesville, Fla.

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Blaine B. Ramsey '10 is Research Engineer for the Black and Decker Mfg. Co. at Towson, Md. Blaine says that he is connected with the Sales Department, and acts as liaison man between Sales and Engineering Departments. He handles all questions on product and suggested new products with the outside sales force. He also handles all questions of variations from standard product for special applications, as well as the Trade Mark and Patent matters for the company with their outside retained counsels. The Ramseys have two sons, one in business and the other in the Air Force. Blaine says that he was unable to make it for his 40th Reunion at Cornell this past year, and whenever he does get back; he hopes to visit the boys at the Chapter House. The Ramseys live at 715 Morningside Dr., Towson 4, Md.

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Fred N. Alden '07 has sold his home on Pershing Avenue, and is now living at 3625 Utah Street, San Diego 4, Cal. Fred writes that the other home was getting too large for them, and of course he was not getting old, but that the steps seemed much higher than they did in 1907 when he had the pleasure of helping start the Cornell Chapter of Acacia. Fred is still carrying on his general insurance business but finds it rather difficult due to his eye condition, as he has partial vision out of one eye. It was wonderful hearing from you again Fred, even though your vision is poor, and that you have to look twice to see many things. Fred wishes all the old gang much happiness and that if any happen to get in to sunny California, to be sure and look him up.