



Season's Greetings

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### Approval Pending On New Sewer, Big Parking Lot

Excavations for the new sewer for the Acacia house will be begun when the Corporation approves the contractor's estimates.

That is part of an improvement plan for which the Corporation voted \$1,200. The remainder of the plan calls for a new L-shaped parking lot to be located off the north-east side of the house. The lot, which will hold about twice as many cars as can be parked now, will eliminate the unsightly parking of cars in front of the house proper. The final plan is the result of the hard work of "engineers" Jim Symons, Dick DoBell, and Mac McClellan.

#### Big Flag

A new lavatory has been installed in the north end of the basement for the convenience of brothers and guests.

Less important than those items but more attractive is the large Acacia flag, purchased this fall, which flies above the front porch roof on holidays, big weekends and other important occasions.

Green draperies and fiberglass curtains have been placed in the living room, the library, and the stair well, and for the first time, drapes have been installed in the dining room. The arrival of the new furnishings was delayed by production difficulties, but by the end of rushing, the first floor had been astonishingly improved over its former condition.

Even the junior steward's depart-

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# Happiness Edges Gloom As Pledge Results Are Seen

## Excellent Progress This Year, Reports The Venerable Dean

by *Ira C. E. Youngdahl*

We are well into a new term and I am happy to report that we have made excellent progress this year. The improvements to the physical plant have been numerous and there are many other projects in the planning stage or already underway. The largest of these is the new driveway. When completed, this will be tremendously beneficial to the appearance of the house.

We had a good rushing program this fall. The quality of the pledges is high and we are all proud of them. The competition, as you all know, is extremely keen, and we feel that rushing would have gone even better if we had had more recommendations.

#### Need Alumni Help

The chapter needs the help of the alumni members in rushing. We do follow up every recommendation and stand a much better chance in rushing a man when we know a little bit about him beforehand.

Informal meetings with prospective Cornellians by members of the undergraduate chapter is a great asset and a good beginning for rushing, but we need the names that you can supply before we can undertake such a program. A short letter to the Chapter house concerning prospective Cornellians whom you think may be good Acacians would be greatly appreciated by the undergraduate members of the chapter.

Our success this year has been the result of a high degree of cooperation and feeling of unity in the house—a feeling that has sometimes been lacking in the past. If the next Venerable Dean gets the same cooperation from the members in the house and has the

Happiness at the results of the rushing season has edged away a good deal of the gloom with which the Chapter began the annual contest for the best of the freshman class.

We did reach our goal pledging thirteen men this fall. They are an industrious, intelligent, and active group, and we think they will measure up to the standards of the Fraternity. The Chapter is proud to have them aboard.

We were disappointed though, and at first apprehensive of pledging results, when we looked at our returns from the alumni members of the Chapter. From our hundreds of graduated members, there were only 19 recommendations for us to follow up. We wish to express our utmost thanks to those of you who did answer our requests and made our work easier than it might have been.

#### Unusual Spirit

The pledge class is already hard at work, in the tradition of Pythagoras. The men are showing an unusually fine spirit of cooperation and ambition.

Two of the thirteen are sophomores, the remainder freshmen. Eight members of the class are holders of scholarships of one sort or another and the rest have won awards and honors in high school. Three are related to alumni members of the fraternity.

Members of the pledge class are:

Daniel Cone, sophomore from Rochester—Ag.

Bruce William Dean, West Islip, N.Y.—E.E.

Richard Edwin DeCamp, Ch.E.; son of W. E. DeCamp '31 and nephew of C. E. DeCamp '23.

James Parker Elder, Westfield, N.J.—Pre-Vet.

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strong support from his officers as I have enjoyed, the Chapter will have a year we can all be proud of.

## Jed A. Hyde Named Treasurer of N. Y. Congregational Unit

Jed Alfred Hyde, a graduate student in 1940 and 1941, has been named treasurer of the New York Congregational Christian Conference.

In *The Layman*, publication of the New York Congregational Christian Conference, Alfred E. Buck wrote an article on Brother Hyde, with a picture of Hyde at his desk.

Brother Hyde took office as treasurer after service from 1947 as director of the Lisle Conference Center, Lisle, N. Y., and as state director of the Laymen's Fellowship. Election to his new post also made him automatically treasurer of the New York City Congregational Church Association, the magazine article says.

### Popular Layman

"This popular layman was graduated from Syracuse University in 1938 . . . and in 1940 he earned his Master's Degree in Science at Cornell. He was married on October 18, 1941 to Jane E. Heroy of Binghamton. They have two lovely children, Shirley, 10, and Tom, 7, who enjoy camping, hiking and mountain climbing just as much as their parents.

"At first Jed's interest lay in business and he was associated from 1941 to 1947 with the National Carbon Co., Inc., at Niagara Falls, as technical assistant in the control laboratory and then in the production planning department. . . ."

But Brother Hyde's primary interest always lay in church work. He attended various Congregational conferences, not only locally, but statewide and nationally, as well, for a number of years. Finally, realizing that his avocation was interfering with his vocation, Jed made his church service his full time interest.

In conclusion, author Buck says of Brother Hyde "Our acquisition of . . . (him) . . . in the New York City area has greatly bolstered the skills, energies and enthusiasm of our laymen. His presence among us is setting a high example of Christian leadership."

## SIX JOIN FRATERNITY



Six more Cornellians have become initiated members of Acacia Fraternity. Last spring pledge class was pleased to see more than six month's pledgeship come to an end. Left to right: John Henry Hoare '56, Watkins Glen, Arts; Frank Herman Henjes '54, Moravia, N. Y., Ag.; Peter Maurice VanDenburgh '55, Johnstown, N. Y., Ag.; Hugh Eppich Kingery '54, Denver, Arts; and Arther Hieby Frederick '56, Albany, Arts.

### Acacians Take Wives, Fiancees, Honors; Also Have Heirs

Vital statistics department, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca—

Ernest Lewis Mathews '55, engaged to Kay Cumming, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

Robert Billings Squires '53, married to Mary E. Parlow, September 19.

Kenneth Alan Lawrence '54, married to Barbara Merritt '54, September 12.

Frederick John Scism '52, married to Carol E. Kaserman '53, September 26.

A daughter, Barbara, to Lila and Joseph Anthony Delario '55, June 27.

A son, James Webster, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephen Hawley '43, September 23.

A son, George Allan, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hegedorn '40, October 18.

A daughter, Catherine Jean, to Ar-

### Friendships Renewed Homecoming Weekend

As in years past, old friendships were renewed at the annual Homecoming Weekend on October 17-18.

The feature attraction of the weekend was the Yale-Cornell game which ended in a scoreless tie. Following the game a buffet supper and then a dance were held at the Acacia house.

Among those present were R. C. Bradley; Arthur Ingraham; Richard H. Teel; C. A. Geyh; Richard H. Davis; John B. Frisbie; R. E. Baker; Wally Rich; Oakley S. Ray; Lloyd Hayner; and Earle Ginter.

thur '42 and Shirley Tefft Heuser, October 22.

It was a mighty heavy season. Not exactly in the same department as our notes above, but a real accomplishment nonetheless, is the initiation into Tau Beta Pi, honorary scholastic engineering society, of James Martin Symons, C.E. '54, and Robert Alan Vanderhoek '54, M.E.

# News From Acacians The World Over

## L. E. Weaver Again In News From Egypt

Leland B. Weaver '18, who was the subject of a two-column story in the July issue of *The Traveler*, has been in the news again.

The *Ithaca Journal* for November 5 has a story about Weaver, who is a poultry specialist in Cairo, Egypt, with the U. S. Point Four Mission, under the heading "Chicks for Egypt Now Fine Birds."

The *Journal* quotes Professor Weaver as saying "it would make your heart glad to . . . see the really fine birds and witness the pride and appreciation of their owners."

It is expected that within ten years most of the hens in Egypt will be of superior American stock. This will greatly improve the nutrition and economic life of the people in the land of Egypt, very little of which is cultivable.

In a report from Cairo, the November issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* discusses the work of the American poultry specialists in Egypt.

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## Happiness Edges Gloom

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James Andrew Fielding, Winchester, Mass.

David Laurien Harvey, Pawling, N. Y.—Ag.; cousin of Jack Laurien, Indiana Acacian.

Allen Alonso Hayner, Jr., brother of Lloyd Hayner '52.

Edmund Milton Mackert, sophomore from Baldwin, N. Y.—Ch.E.

Philip Gordon Tays, West Springfield, Mass.—E.E.

Randolph Manchester Teague, Santa Ana, Calif.

Robert B. Warne, Elmira, N. Y., only member of Acacia in School of Industrial & Labor Relations.

Henry George Wetzler Jr., Hinsdale, Ill.—E.P.

Donald Charles Wheeler, Horseheads, N. Y.—E.E.

*Ed B. Millard '50*, who received his Master's degree from the University of Chicago last year, has been appointed superintendent of the State Masonic Orphanage at Lagrange, Ill.

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*Edward A. Richmond '16*, is a plant quarantines entomologist with the Department of Agriculture, and located at the Air Force's Westover, Mass. base. His home is at 41 Paul Ave., Fairview, Mass. After receiving his M.A. in Entomology at Cornell, Brother Richmond went on to Columbia for a short period, but was interrupted by the war. In 1930 he obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts. Since 1912 he has been a teacher and researcher in natural history in farming, biology, zoology, entomology, medical physiology, and botany. Ed developed the use of Geraniol to combat Japanese beetles and has written a number of articles on entomology. He is a member of Sigma honorary society and is a 32nd degree Mason. During World War II he was a major in chemical warfare.

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*John B. Cheney '24* is field veterinarian with the New York State Veterinary College, State Agricultural School, Canton, N. Y. His home is at 57 E. Main St., that city. From the time he left Cornell until 1929 he was in private practice as a veterinarian. In the latter years he joined The Borden Co., and stayed with that firm for 20 years. For two more years he was supervising veterinarian for New York City, and then came to his present post.

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## Approval Pending

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ment has profited by the improvement program. A complete set of crested Syracuse china has been ordered. When these pieces arrive, we can at last discard the old SAE and Beta Sigma Rho dishes with which we have had to make do for so long.

*David J. Hower '52* gives his occupation as "soldier"—2nd lieutenant, in Illesheim, Germany—546th Ord. Co. (DAS), APO 46, c/o PM, New York. He entered service in August a year ago and spent five months at Camp Irwin, Calif., before going overseas. He writes "Having a great time visiting Germany . . . where I'll be till July, when I'll be discharged. I enjoy *The Traveler* very much."

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*John Carl Huttar '23* remains in Ithaca, where he has spent the greatest part of his time since he was graduated from the University. He is a poultry specialist with the Coop. GLF Exchange on Terrace Hill, Ithaca, was president of the Poultry & Egg National Board, 1951 and 1952, and secretary-treasurer, New York State Poultry Council, from 1946 to date. He was given the honorary award of "Poultryman of the Year," while representing the industry at the NEPCO Convention in Syracuse in 1952.

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From *G. F. Heuser '15* comes a report of a long traip he has been making through the country.

"I left Ithaca the middle of July for an annual Poultry Science Association meeting in Vancouver. On the way out we saw such places as the Badlands, Black Hills, Yellowstone, Glacier, and Grand Coulee. After the meeting we headed down the coast through Oregon and California, taking in such places as Crater Lake, Mt. Ranier, Yosemite, the Redwoods, and Sequoia.

"We visited Brother A. A. Hege-dorn in Los Angeles. He wanted to know all about the house . . . His address is 17007 Gault St., Van Nuys, Calif. One summer when he was in Ithaca, Al did considerable work in converting the old attic into the north third floor study room.

"We are now (Nov. 5) spending some time in Phoenix, where the weather is a little more comfortable than in Ithaca . . .