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Large Crowd Enjoys The Varied Program Of Christmas Party

Daughters of Local Alumni Comprise Vocal Quartet Called "Six M's"

The chapter's annual Christmas party at the house December 17 was a striking success this year and was attended by approximately 125 Acacians, wives and children. The house, as usual, was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The committee in charge presented a "radio" program with *Henry T. Skinner '36* as announcer. One of the features of the program were selections by the Six M's, a female vocal sextet composed of children of local alumni.

The pledges put on a skit which was a burlesque takeoff of a typical pledge meeting. And also on the program was an exhibition of fancy baton-twirling by pledge *George Lockwood '43* who is assistant drum major of the Cornell band; and *Sandy Cheney '40* played a piano solo.

An interesting feature was an "Information Please" program for which *Peter Olafson '26*, as master of ceremonies, questioned *Raymond R. Birch, PhD '12*, *Bill Wigley '07*, *Mrs. Clyde Moore* and *Mrs. Fred Morris*.

The children in the quartet were daughters of *Cliff Reed '09*, *Fred S. Rogers '13*, *Fred Morris '22*, *B. K. Northrup '19*, *Judge Riley H. Heath '12* and *Bill Andrae '15*.

Visit Penn Chapter

Fifteen members of the chapter attended the Penn game in Philadelphia last November, 11 of whom were guests of the Penn chapter for a buffet supper and dance in the evening.

It was a little reunion for *Gene* and *Gordon MacKenzie '43*, brothers, who don't see each other so often now that *Gene* transferred to Pennsylvania to study veterinary.

New Pledge Makes Total Of 21 Candidates

Since the issuance of the last *Traveler* another pledge has been added to the ranks of candidates for membership—*Robert Irvin Freeman '43*, student in agriculture from Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

This makes a total of 21 pledges, the largest we know of at Cornell this year; fifteen received their buttons this term.

By the way, during Christmas vacation *Bob* returned to his home in Canada, then proceeded to act as chauffeur for his father. They started off with North Carolina as their destination. From there they decided to push on to Florida. Getting a touch of that winter-resort state they thought they'd like to see how California compared with it and drove out there. *Bob* traveled day and night by bus back from California to arrive just in time for the resumption of classes.

Claud Bradley, Bob Bradley Figure in Auto Accident

R. Claud Bradley, MS '22 and nephew *Bob Bradley '40* were in an automobile accident at the intersection of routes 5 and 20 at Erie, Pa., early in January. Neither was injured, but the latter's car, a new Plymouth, was rather badly damaged. The men were driving to Ithaca from Missouri. *Claud* accompanying *Bob* to Ithaca, then planning to continue by train. The accident was caused by icy roads, the cars sliding headon into each other. *Claud* is a professor of extension at the University of New Hampshire.

Rider Back in Walton

Ray Rider '39, who is associated with G. L. F., has been moved from Guiderland Center to Walton, N. Y. *Ray* was back for a visit during the fall months.

Career of Ladd '12 Reviewed In First Article of Series

Dean of Agriculture Holds Many State Positions

In this article, the first of a series *The Traveler* will run concerning outstanding Cornell Acacians, the chapter pays a bit of due homage to *Carl E. Ladd '12*, dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at Cornell.

Born in McLean, N. Y., in 1888 he attended Cortland Normal School before enrolling at Cornell. After serving capably in several positions which included the directorship of the State School of Agriculture at Alfred, N. Y., he came to Cornell again in 1920 as an extension professor in Farm Management.

Research Work in England

He spent six months in England during 1928 organizing and starting research work in agricultural economics at Darlington Hall. In later years he became more and more associated with the New York state government.

He served as Deputy Commissioner of the State Conservation Department at Albany; was a member for three years of an Agriculture Advisory Commission; served on the Farm Credit Board in the Springfield district.

On State Planning Council

In 1936 he was appointed chairman of the New York State Planning Council; and in 1937 was elected a member of the executive committee of the Association of Land Grant Colleges.

He married *Frances Clark* (Pratt Institute) in 1918, has three children—*Betty* (Cornell '38), *Carl E., Jr. '42*, and *Robert* (Cornell '43). His office is in Roberts Hall, and his home address is 201 Bryant Avenue.

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One Dollar Per Alumnus Is Asked for the Traveler

Since *The Traveler* in its new form is meeting with general approval and enthusiasm, a schedule of four issues during the college year has been established with definite facilities and arrangements for the meeting of such a schedule without interruption.

And to facilitate the work financially, the chapter has agreed to ask each of our alumni readers to contribute one dollar yearly as a means of support. Be assured, however, that such a contribution is on a purely voluntary basis. The paper will be mailed to all alumni regardless of whether they contribute or not.

We extend an invitation to you with this issue to send a one dollar bill to the chapter in care of the editor, and sincerely trust you will join others in supporting *The Traveler*. Each contribution will be heartily appreciated and will be acknowledged in succeeding issues of the paper.

Head of E. E. Department

Albrecht Naeter, MS, '23, who came from the University of Texas to teach and work for his master's degree at Cornell, is head of the department and professor of electrical engineering at Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Al has written numerous technical articles, is chairman of the Oklahoma City section of A. I. E. E., national chairman of the E. E. division of S. P. E. E. He is also a member of Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Zeta Nu, Sigma Tau. He married Ruby A. Wheaton (Cornell '23), has two daughters—Carol Ann 8, Audrey Joy 5. The Naeter home is 419 Duncan Street, Stillwater.

Many Return Questionnaire; Have You Sent Yours Yet?

The blue Who's Who blanks we have been sending with *The Traveler* are coming back in grand style, nearly 100 having been received and filed. Most of the alumni briefs you find in this issue are extractions from them. We are continuing to send them to men who have not as yet returned one. If you are one of those be sure to fill out the form this time and mail to the editor.

Thompson '10 Is a Chief Engineer for Detroit Edison

A prominent engineer in the field of electric power is P. W. (Tommy) Thompson '10, chief engineer of power plants for The Detroit Edison Company, Detroit. He studied mechanical engineering four years, served three years as an instructor at Cornell.

He has been in charge of design of steam-electric power plants, the four plants totaling 1,080,000 kilowatt capacity. He invented a device for the protection of furnace walls; and invented means for sealing shafts of high temperature steam turbines.

As an author, he has had many articles published in technical magazines on subjects relating to power plant design, operation and maintenance. He also presented several papers before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on similar subjects.

Brother "Tommy" married Ruth Gilliat in 1930, has an eight-year-old son, Robert Wheeler Thompson. A member of the Cornell Club of Michigan, the Detroit Yacht Club, and the Cornell Engineers Club of New York, he lives at 1119 Devonshire Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

Kentucky Veterinarian

Edward A. Caslick '22, who spent a rather quiet four years at Cornell, is a veterinarian in Paris, Kentucky, which is his full mailing address. He is married to Margaret E. Snyder (Michigan State), has two daughters—Eleanor 10, Marie 8. He is another of the many Acacians in Ro-

Many Acacians Busy; Bradley Is Manager Of the Cornellian

Chapter is Represented Strongly in Kermis Organization

Scanning the extra-curricular situation among the Bro's we lead off with Bob Bradley '40 who is in business manager of the *Cornellian*, president of Kappa Phi Kappa, vice-president of Scarab. Another publications man is Rufus Vail '40, managing editor of the *Widow*.

Warren Hawley '40 is on the varsity polo team, member of Student Council, Scarab, Quill and Dagger, Officers Club, vice-president of Kermis. Merle Robie '40 is business manager of Kermis, vice-president of the Poultry Club. Burt Inglis '40 is a member of Ho-Nun-de-Kah and stage manager of Kermis.

Other Seniors Are Active

Truman Fossum '40 is a member of Scarab and Pi Alpha Xi (floriculture). Bob Petrie '40 is a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Sandy Cheney '40 of Phi Kappa Phi. Charles (Crit) Crittenden '40 is president of Kermis, member of Scarab and Alpha Phi Omega (national service). Ken Sorace '40 is a clarinetist in Cornell's crack band.

Prexy Jerry Smith '40 is past-president of Aldjebar, member of Retort and Beaker and Alpha Phi Omega. And Bob Blazey '40 is a member of Ho-Nun-de-Kah. In the junior class, Burt Dutcher '41 is a member of Kermis, treasurer of the Poultry Club. Fred Burton '41 is assistant manager of polo. Gus Heuser '41 is another clarinetist in the band.

The Sophomore Class

Among the sophomores, Henry Little '42 is a member of Dramatic Club; Ron Stillman '42, who played frosh football, baseball, is a promising candidate for the varsity baseball team, comes spring. He is also on the Sophomore Smoker Committee. Bob Smith '42 is a member of Kermis, Art Kulp '42 is on the *Widow* board, John Bryant '42 is in the band, orchestra and the Musical Clubs. Carl Osberg '42 is still another Kermis member, and 'Wimpy' Johnson '43 plays in the frosh band.

Resident Acacians Express Gratitude For Comfortable Beds

**Are No Longer Ashamed
To Show Dormitory
To Rushees**

Alumni will no doubt agree that the accompanying picture of the dormitory is more as it should be rather than as shown in the letter of a few months ago. Can you blame us for sleeping until 10:00 o'clock the first time we slept in comfortable beds?

We undergraduates appreciate the beds not only for our own sake, but also because they help in rushing. Before this year the dormitory was a place to be avoided with rushees; now it is one of the first places to be shown. We say to you loyal alumni, "Thanks a million."

Finance Committee Reports Good Response to Appeal

Your Finance Committee also wishes to thank the alumni for their response to its appeal. Many responded with the \$5.00 suggestion. Others remembered their pledges and paid even more than the full amount. Forty-one men responded with a total of \$505.00, and a number of others have promised something later.

Your Committee purchased 24 single, tubular cots with innerspring mattresses. The best ones of the old double-deckers have been saved and can be quickly set up and thus serve as "spares" when occasion demands. An invitation is extended to the alumni to make the Chapter Hall headquarters while in Ithaca. Why not try out your new beds?

As indicated in the letter last fall, the Finance Committee has other improvements in mind, particularly in respect to replacing other worn-out and obsolete furnishings. The lid to the coffer is still open. Your contribution will be welcome and appreciated at any time. Make check payable to G. F. Heuser, Treasurer, and mail to him at Forest Home, Ithaca.

Every bit of help to the chapter is heartily appreciated by the alumni committee as well as by the resident chapter.

What's Right with This Picture?



CHIEF THING THAT is right is the presence of those new beds and mattresses which are doing no end of good to the sleep habits of us present inhabitants of the house. The dorm is a much neater abode than it was formerly.

Ken and "Dodo" Sherk Announce Second Child

Ken W. Sherk, PhD. '33, who is well-known by many in the resident chapter and who makes frequent visits to the house, became the father of a daughter and his second child on November 30. The infant is named Lida Dee.

Ken took his undergraduate work at Reed College, took advanced work at Rice Institute, received his PhD. in chemistry at Cornell. He married Dorothy (Dodo) Blacking (Cornell '33, Pi Beta Phi) in 1930, is a professor at Smith College, Williamsburg, Mass., where he may be correctly addressed.

A member of the Masons, Lions and the American Chemical Society, he has written several scientific articles. The first child in the Sherk family is Larry Wayne, now 2½.

Practices in Pasadena

Rex R. Frizell '08 continues his practice of medicine and surgery at 65 N. Madison Avenue, Pasadena, Calif., living at 1394 E. Villa Street. A member of Masons, Odd Fellows, American Legion and the American Medical Association, he has one son, Max 16.

Nuffort '00 Has Retired From Active Business Life

Walter (Nuff) Nuffort '00, prominent business man of Newark, N. J., tells us he is on the side lines pretty much now, helping out here and there occasionally with the companies in which he has had interests.

Brother Nuffort studied agriculture at Cornell, was editor of the *Widow*. He later received the BS degree at Columbia. He has written articles on marketing, has had several short stories published. He is a past-president of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey. He and Mrs. Nuffort have three children—Richard W. (Princeton '28), Helen L. (Mrs. Donald B. Saunders, Cornell '31, Kappa Alpha Theta), and Jack 26. The Nuffort home is 900 S. 16th Street, Newark.

Rummele Is Secretary

Edward T. Rummele '14, who came to Cornell after one year at Lawrence College, is secretary of the J. A. Rummele Company of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, lives at 731 N. 7th Street. Married to Marion Crawford, he is an active Rotarian.

News Items in Brief about Acacians

Teaches in Bloomfield

Ed. M. Urband '13, who received the bachelor and master's degree in architecture at Cornell, is a teacher of mathematics at the high school in Bloomfield, N. J., lives at 98 Cleveland Terrace.

He married Kathryn Supple (Adelphi College, Delta Gamma) in 1926, has two children—Phyllis 10, Howard 8. In addition to his teaching he finds time to design a house occasionally. He is a lieutenant colonel in the air service, was credited with destroying two German planes during the World War and was decorated with the Croix-de-Guerre. He reminds us that *Wilbur Suiter '13*, a member of his squadron, was shot down in 1918 and that a room is named for him in Willard Straight.

With Investment Company

William R. (Bill) Wigley '07, whose article concerning the name of the fraternity appeared in recent issues of *The Triad* and *The Traveler*, is associated with J. S. Barr & Company, investment securities, in the Savings Bank Building, Ithaca.

Long an active and interested Acacian, Bill comes to the house frequently and lends a hand whenever needed. A member of Sigma Xi and the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, he married Frances J. Campbell in 1932, lives at 402 W. Buffalo Street, Ithaca.

Practices in Berkeley

D. Scott Fox '13, who studied agriculture at Cornell, attended Stanford Medical School from 1925 to 1930 and practices medicine and surgery at 2560 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif.

Scott married Grace Fordyce (Cornell '15), has two daughters—Dorothy E. 23, Kathleen F. 19. He is a member of Sigma Xi and Rotary, lives at 18 The Uplands, Berkeley.

President, Masonic Club

Cliff Allanson, secretary, treasurer and comptroller of Rothschilds Store in Ithaca, was recently elected president of the Ithaca Masonic Club. He lives on the Slaterville Springs road.

With Detroit Edison Co.

Rather closely associated with *P. W. Thompson '10* in The Detroit Edison Company as a mechanical engineer is *W. A. (Nick) Carter '13* who is a designer of power plants, inventor of power plant instruments and electrical devices, and author of various A. S. M. E. papers.

He is a member of Sigma Xi, and the Detroit Yacht Club. "Nick" and Mrs. Carter (Maude C. Day, Denver) have one son—Preston D.—who was graduated from Cornell in 1937, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. The Carter home is 8741 Arcadia Avenue, Detroit.

Teaches at Wisconsin

One of the many professors among Acacia alumni is *Leroy A. (Steve) Wilson '09* who is in the engineering department at the University of Wisconsin, living at Shorewood Hills, Madison, Wisconsin.

Among his honors are membership in Sigma Xi, Sigma Tau, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Tau Sigma, S. P. E. E., and secretary of the Rock River Valley section of A. S. M. E. He married for the second time in 1928, has a 26-year-old daughter by a former marriage. Among his clubs are the University and Blackhawk Country.

Moves into New House

Sherman P. (Holly) Hollister '09, professor of horticulture and head of the department at the University of Connecticut, built a new house in Storrs, Conn., last summer and moved into it last fall. We'd like to hear more about it.

He is president of the Exchange Club in his community, has held offices in the Connecticut Pomological Society, and writes: "I am alumni chairman of a local fraternity, and *Cliff Reed '09* knows what that job means." He may be addressed at Storrs.

New Pledge Master

Ken. J. Sorace '40, electrical engineering student from Rochester, was recently elected as pledge master for the balance of this college year.

Plant Quarantine Inspector

Marc A. McMaster '21 is a plant quarantine inspector for the U. S. Department of Agriculture with headquarters at Room 844 Federal Building, New York City. In addition, he finds time to do some instruction work at Cornell, Missouri, and Maryland; and is a salesman of florists' supplies for McHutchison and Company of New York. He has authored radio talks and magazine articles on window gardens, bulbs, etc.

During the past three years he has traveled through 20 states and has taken the time to visit Acacia chapters in North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Missouri and Illinois. He married Helen C. Murphey (University of Illinois) in 1929, lives at Apartment D-9, 237 Thirty-first Street, Woodcliff, N. J.

Shaub on Sabbatic Leave

Ben M. Shaub '25, instructor at Smith College, is on Sabbatic leave this year, studying at the mineralogical laboratory at Harvard. He does considerable writing, having had some 12 papers published in various journals.

Ben married Mary Summer Church in March, 1939. Mrs. Shaub is a graduate of Smith. We address them at Box 428, Northampton, Mass.

Robie Flies Back

We got a kick out of the story of *Merle Robie '40* who went to his home in Worcester, Mass., at the beginning of the holiday vacation, suddenly remembered it was the birthday of a certain young lady who was in Ithaca. Driving with haste to Boston, he boarded a plane and flew to Syracuse, meeting her there, and extending his greetings in person!

Rishor in Research

Alfred H. Rishor, PhD. '24 informs us he is doing research work for the Cherry-Burrell Corporation at 427 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Still single, he is a graduate of S. Dakota State College, studied dairying at Cornell.