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Alumni Homecoming Comes on November 4; Cornell vs Columbia

Chapter Hopes to Have Many Alumni Back For Weekend

Now that Cornell's football forces have shown plenty of class again by winning over Syracuse, Princeton and Penn State (and we have our fingers crossed for the Ohio State game), the hopes are up for another good season. And with that in mind we have a hunch a lot of you would like to get a squint at the team in action.

A good opportunity for many of you will be at Homecoming on November 4 when Columbia invades Schoellkopf. That weekend will present some mighty classy football in addition to enabling you to hobnob with some of your old cronies.

House Will be Wide Open

The house will be wide open to alumni for the entire weekend. We especially invite you for lunch before the game (game time is 2:00), and buffet supper following the game. Saturday evening the victrola will be available for dancing.

We can sleep at least 10 at the house (and more if you aren't too particular!) We ask your indulgence of notifying the chapter if you are coming so we can better plan meals. If this invitation reaches you too late for that, come along anyhow; we'll have extra food on hand. We hope we may have the pleasure of seeing you November 4.

From Hugh Gardner '22

Hugh M. Gardner, MS '22, tells us he is a member of the faculty and the administration of the New Mexico State College at State College, N. M. He served as acting-president of the college during 1935-36. A director of his local Chamber of Commerce, he is a past-president of Lions and the State Schoolmasters Club. Married, he has one son, one daughter.

Directors Discuss Paper At October 19 Meeting

The chapter's Board of Directors held a meeting at the house October 19 at which was a discussion of the budget, and the decision to begin a regularly-scheduled series of *Traveler* issues.

Another subject under consideration was the proposed enlarging of the diningroom. Many men are not now able to eat at the house because of space limitations. Dr. Gus Heuser gave a financial report for last year, and Harry A. Britton gave a report for the publications committee.

Other men present were Walter W. Cotner, L. N. Simmons, Leland Spencer (chairman of the board), Burr Ingles and Jerry Smith.

Doc Deatrick and Son At Washington Chapter

The following appeared in *The Surveyor* of George Washington chapter last Founder's Day: "Doc Deatrick isn't even on the alumni list—what a bunch of dopes. So we're listing him here and at the same time reporting that having him and young Doc around the house is lots of fun.

"The youngster whams the ping-pong pellet like Gehrig used to hit homers, and Doc is a genial, helpful fellow who takes responsibilities like an alumnus of our own chapter. We'll see that the secretary gets his list fixed up."

Background of that story is this: Eugene P. (Doc) Deatrick '17 was superintendent of a Federal Erosion Station in North Carolina, and Mrs. Deatrick was on the faculty of West Virginia University. Doc moved to Washington, D. C., for research work in the Bureau of Standards, still in soil conservation, leaving Mrs. Deatrick and son in West Virginia.

Upon his arrival at the capitol he visited Acacia where the boys insist-
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Fourteen Pledged Following Annual Rushing Campaign

Six Pledged Last Spring Makes Grand Total Of Twenty

Acacia at Cornell is blessed with a total of 20 pledges this year! Of this number, 11 are freshmen, five are sophomores, two are juniors, and two are seniors. Six were pledged last spring and will be initiated on November 3 and 4.

Following are the wearers of the pledge button: Thomas E. Bartlett '41 Hotel, Manchester, N. H.; Richard C. Bonser '43, Hotel, Biddeford, Maine; John W. Bryant '42, Arts College, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; M. Truman Fossum '40, Ag, Maxbass, N. D.

Brother of Senior Dean

Warren Hawley, III '40 as rushing chairman had the pleasure of pledging his brother, R. Stephen Hawley '43, Ag, Batavia; Henry L. Hood '43, Hotel, comes from Lakeport, N. H.; Gregory M. Hurd '43, Ag, Short Falls, N. H.; Wendell C. Johnson '43, Ag, Garber, Okla.

Jorman G. Kennard '43, Engineering, Ithaca; Arthur C. Kulp '42, Arts, Ithaca; George H. Lockwood '43, Engineering, Claremont, N. H.; Gordon D. MacKenzie '43, Ag, Concord, N. H.; Richard W. Melville '43, mechanical engineering, Westwood, Mass.

The List Continues

John E. McCuen '40, Ag, Syracuse; Stewart Nelson, Jr. '43, Ag, Concord, N. H.; Carl A. Osberg '42, Ag, Manchester, N. H.; Walter J. Sickles '41, Ag, Pearl River; Robert S. Smith '42, Ag, Laconia, N. H.; Stephen A. Smith '42, Eng., White Lake; Ronald E. Stillman '42, Ag, Manchester, N. H.

John Bryant, "Tru" Fossum, Tom Bartlett, John McCuen, Carl Osberg and Bob Smith will be initiated this fall.

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Charles C. Crittenden '40

Editor

News material is solicited at all times. Address mail to the Acacia Fraternity, Ithaca, New York.

Response to Traveler Is Highly Stimulating

As we bring you this second issue of *The Traveler* in its new form we do so with the satisfaction of knowing many of you enjoyed that first issue, since beside me here on my desk is a pile of Who's Who questionnaires and letters, both carrying words of commendation.

We are aware of the fact that many alumni from time to time have become provoked over the irregularity of publications from the chapter, and with the somewhat haphazard program of alumni contacts that has existed for many years.

It is our sincere hope everyone can overlook that former condition and congenially and whole-heartedly swing along on what we hope is a new era. The chapter has had its ups and downs ever since its beginning; we feel at present we are in the process of very definitely moving upward. Just think, we have a total of 43 men associated with the resident chapter this year!

Let us say a word again about the Who's Who blanks. We didn't expect a 100% response from the first mailing—nor did we get it. Chances are, too, that many men didn't receive their copy in the first place because of incorrect addresses. But if you didn't return your blank last time kindly do so after reading this issue; and do so irregardless of how many or how few years you were associated with the chapter on the Hill. Kindly address them to the editor.

Advisor at Penn State

Robert S. (Bob) Kirby PhD '23, initiated 1933, is advisor of the Penn State chapter of Acacia. He is an extension plant pathologist at Penn State, lives at 251 S. Barnard Street, State College, Pa. He has one son—Robert E. 20.

The Editor's Mailbox

Quite a Spell

To the Editor:

Came to Los Angeles in the fall of 1914. Have been employed by the California Highway Commission and Southern California Edison Company. Have been with the Los Angeles Country Flood Control District now over 20 years.

The last edition of *The Traveler* is keen—though I saw but two names I knew. Twenty-five years are quite a spell. I was at the meeting of the Cornell Club in Los Angeles when Dean Ladd visited us. Have wondered if Charles Crittenden is a son of Lee who was at Cornell when I was.

Clifford J. Burnham '14

Lee W. Crittenden '13 was the father of your editor; he died February 2, 1936, in Cobleskill, N. Y., where he was director of the New York State School of Agriculture and Home Economics—Ed.

Six-Weeks Vacation

To the Editor:

I just had a six-weeks vacation (that was during early summer—Ed.) because of a superfluous gall bladder. Otherwise everything is okay. Oh yes, we have a great World's Fair!

D. Scott Fox '13

Brother Fox is a physician and surgeon in Berkeley, Calif., with offices at 2560 Bancroft Way. He and Mrs. Fox (Grace Fordyce—Cornell '15) lives at 18 The Uplands in Berkeley. Their children are Dorothy 23, Kathleen 19.—Ed.

"Out in the Sticks"

Roger (Rod) Clapp '28 writes: "You have done a peach of a job with *The Traveler*. I feel it will be far more interesting in this new form; and with its more frequent appearance should keep us out in the sticks more interested in Acacia."

As many alumni know, Rod is an assistant professor of floriculture at the University of Maine and has been working towards his PhD at Cornell in the summer. Mrs. Clapp is Grace K. Reynolds (University of Maine—Alpha Kappa Phi), and there are two children in the family—Ruth 5, Roger 2. Their home address is 35 Oak Street, Orono, Me.

An Alumni Chairman

To the Editor:

I am an alumni chairman of a local fraternity here at the University of Connecticut, and Cliff Reed knows what that job means.

I am one of those college professors who, because of his length of service is put on committees, etc., and a good part of time is taken up by activities other than work on subject matter.

Since leaving Cornell in 1909 I spent two years as horticulturist at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural School, Hampton, Va. Returned to Storrs, Conn., in 1911 and have been here ever since.

Sherman P. Hollister '09

One item Professor Hollister didn't include in his letter was that he built a house during the past summer and moved in this fall. Your editor thinks it would be a good idea for the Professor to get some one to take a picture of him and Mrs. Hollister standing in front of their new place and send us a print.—Ed.

First in a Long Time

To the Editor:

Thanks to some one at the Agriculture College at Ft. Collins, Colo., I at last received a copy of *The Traveler*. Our office was moved to Denver some six years ago and this is the first I have heard from Cornell Acacia for a long time before that.

I am not blowing you particularly for the failure of past editors to keep in touch with alumni, but I would appreciate receiving the paper more frequently than once in 10 years or so.

Llewellyn R. Davies

We were glad to hear from "L. R." who is a state supervisor of agricultural education in Colorado, living at 2314 Grape Street, Denver. The chapter has been issuing publications in one form or another regularly and irregularly for many, many years. There have been numerous during the past 10 years. Many alumni, however, sometimes forget that little matter of keeping us posted concerning their whereabouts. As a matter of fact, "L. R.", Cornell has you listed in its recent directory as

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Two Men Look Ahead To Baseball Season

Spofford, Pledges Sickles Are Varsity Hurlers

We could go on at some length about the activities situation at the house, but we think we'll keep a general summary for the next issue. There are a few items to mention, however.

Bert Spofford '41 of Georgetown, Mass., returned to the campus this fall after an absence of one year during which he took farm practice. Bert pitched on the varsity baseball team during his sophomore year, and we anticipate seeing him on the mound next spring.

His running mate for the mound, curiously enough, is pledge *Walt Sickles '41* who was top pitcher in the Ivy League last year with eight wins and one loss. He was recently elected to Aleph Samach.

Cornell's band this year has no fewer than three drum majors—one chief and two assistants. One of the assistants, and a capable baton-twirler, is pledge *George Lockwood '43*; and a member of the first string frosh soccer team is *Gordon MacKenzie '43*.

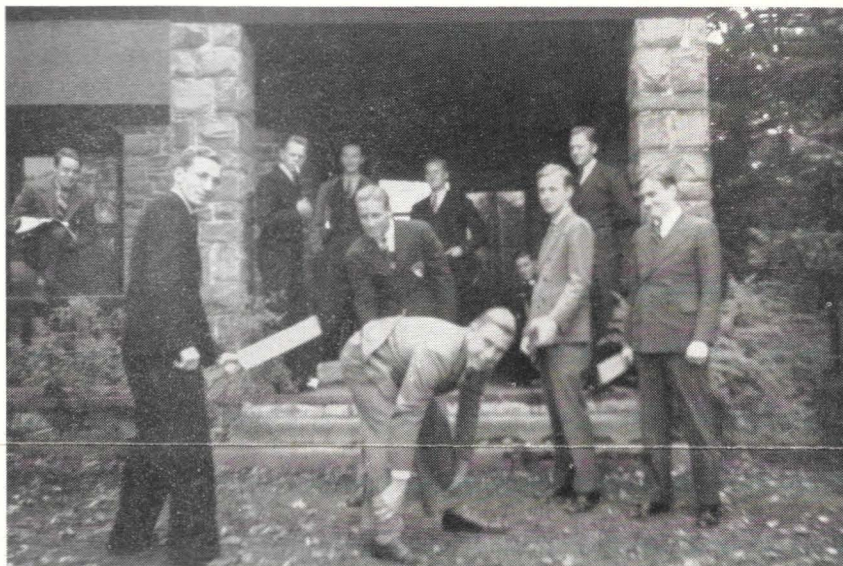
What Happens When One Looks for "Greener Fields"

Here's a story that may tickle you a little. *Warren Smith '42* of White Lake came to Cornell last year and pledged Acacia at the same time his brother, *Steve Smith '42*, enrolled at Colgate.

During the course of the year each told the other what a swell college he was attending with the result that to each the "other grass looked greener". Steve got the idea he would surprise his brother by transferring to Cornell so they would be together. He did so during this past summer, then took a trip out West until college convened.

After Steve left for the West, Warren thought he would transfer to Colgate and surprise his brother by joining him there. Came time for college, each found himself still at a different college than his brother—and Steve has pledged the chapter, which makes it an even exchange all around. It just goes to show you—you can't even depend upon your own brother!

—"Warmly Greeting a Pledge..."



JERRY SMITH "WELCOMES" pledge Dick Bonser in a cordial manner. Left to right: pledge Kennard '43, Smith '40, pledge Bartlett '41, Spofford '41, Little '42, Bonser '43, pledge Nelson '43, Cheney '40, pledge Fossum '40, Williams '42.

Wanted: Clue to One Missing Chapter Flag

Bob Bradley, a senior, came close to getting a tubbing on a recent Monday night, for it seems Brother Bob had in his possession a parcel of "stolen goods".

The chapter lost one of its flags during the summer and was about to call in the police when Bob "pleaded guilty." Last year the flag was displayed outside his window, and the pledges were in the habit of keeping the banner in his desk. When school closed, Bob put the flag in his trunk for safe-keeping.

Suspicion had been placed on various people around the campus, but for some reason Bob didn't learn of the situation until it was mentioned in house meeting October 16. The aroused brethren thought a tubbing was in order.

Has New Address

Al C. Frederick '27 recently asked us to list his correct address as 6 Matilda Street, Albany. Al is an accountant with the New York Power & Light Corporation. He married Valeria P. Hieby (Cornell, Kappa Delta) in 1931, has one son, Arthur H. 5.

Recent Graduates Have New, Varied Occupations

Among the men of recent years whose occupations have come to our attention include *Ray Rider '39* who is with G. L. F. in Guilderland Center, N. Y., concerned with petroleum. In the same town is *Buss Dewey '36* who has charge of the G. L. F. feed store. Both may be addressed just Guilderland Center, N. Y.

Ralph Graham '38 is a soil conservation agent in Erie County, but we have not as yet received his correct mailing address. *Ed Sunderville '39* is taking graduate work in veterinary at Cornell.

Bob Snowden '39 was graduated from Cornell at the end of summer school last August, has since become associated with the Chilean Nitrate Company in sales promotion work.

V-P of Akron Company

John S. Fisher '28, who studied electrical engineering at Cornell, is vice-president of the General Metals Powder Company of Akron, Ohio, at 130 Elinor Avenue. Brother Fisher has a family of two children—Jean Elizabeth '7, Katharine Lee '3. Mrs. Fisher is Etha Kamp (Heidelberg College), and the Fisher residence in Akron is 29 Parilton Drive.

Editor's Mailbox

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Ft. Collins. It is much simpler for each alumnus to drop us a card every year or so with his correct address than for the chapter to track down the movements of its many alumni. Let's have mutual cooperation on that score—Ed.

You Are All Wet

To the Editor:

Glad *The Traveler* is on his way again. You are "all wet" in listing class numerals instead of initiation numerals since you will find that many alumni members were grad students when initiated and therefore had no class at Cornell.

What do you intend to use for numerals for this group of 150 to 200 alumni? Better think up a better reason for changing than you have given on page four of the last issue.

My numerals are BS '23, T. C. U.; MS '25, Texas A & M.; PhD '32, Cornell; which do you think you would list? Which of the two or three of the other 150 or 200 alumni would you list? Either let well-enough alone and meet these men so you can tell their age, or else go whole hog and list all the numerals and places issued.

Ashley (Tiny) Robey

Of all people, this verbal jumping-on came from a former Traveler editor! In spite of the reprimand, of which we printed but the nicer parts, we still think the majority should be served by using class numerals. And for the men who took only advance degrees at Cornell we can use the year in which they received their first degree here, and list that degree whenever possible. Anyone else wish to contribute opinions on the subject?—Ed.

One Dark Night

To the Editor:

It has been a long road since I left East Buffalo Street one dark night. I would like to hear from any of the old gang. Where are Addis Adams, R. Claude Bradley, Johnny Huttar, Oscar Aigle and his roommate Edwin K. (Fire) Ball?

Tom Bolles '27

Tom is an attorney in the law firm of Bolles & Bolles, Bellows Falls, Vt., lives at 28 Front Street with

News Briefs about Acacia Alumni

Mrs. Bolles, a daughter and two sons. We address Adams at 7 Cole Street, Fairport, N. Y.; Bradley at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.; Hunter is Director of Education for the Grange League Foundation in Ithaca, lives at R. D. 5, Ithaca; Agel is addressed at 1615 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Petersburg, Va.; and "Fire" Ball at 1121 N. "H" Avenue, Washington, D. C. If there are corrections to those addresses let's have them—Ed.

C. F. Shaw '06 Dies; Professor at California

The chapter records with regret the passing of *Charles Frederick Shaw '06* which took place September 13, 1939, at Berkeley, Calif., where he had been a professor of soil technology at the University of California since 1913.

For six years after graduation he was with the United States Bureau of Soils. An international expert, he was a member of many scientific societies, and is the author of books on the soils of California, Pennsylvania and China.

Chemist in Rochester

Among the more recent graduates is *Allan (Babe) Forbes '37* who is a chemist with the Rochester Gas & Electric Company. The "Babe" lives at home in Kendall, N. Y., is a Mason, member of the Cornell Club of Rochester, American Chemical Society, and the Rochester Civic Music Association. Long interested in music, he was a member of band and Sage Choir at Cornell.

Teaching in Honolulu

It will be of interest to many alumni to know that *Lee Weaver '18*, extension poultryman at Cornell, is an exchange professor this year at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, T. H. Lee is a regular contributor of articles to the American Agriculturist, and as a side interest from his profession he runs a 330-acre farm three miles out of Ithaca. He is still single. How are things out there in Hawaii, Lee?

Has Real Estate Firm

Edward B. (Fernie) Fernschild '20 studied agriculture at Cornell, has since gone in for the real estate and insurance business with his own company—office at 217 Hugnout Street, New Rochelle. He married Emma Rindfleisch in 1934, lives at 715 Prospect Avenue, Mamaroneck, has no children. He is interested in Boy Scout work, has built some houses, and represented his city in the purchase of over \$2,000,000 worth of property.

Son Graduates at VMI

J. Paul (Poppy) Wait '11 tells us his son, Norman C., was graduated from Virginia Military Institute last June in the centennial class of that institution.

Brother Wait is an attorney with offices at Room 1, Wait Blk., Sturgis, Mich. His home address is 106 Cornelia Street, Sturgis. He has served as prosecuting and city attorney, is a director of the Kirsch Company, member of a country club, and a life member of the Shrine.

Havens a Sanitary Engineer

A brief questionnaire comes from *William L. (Bill) Havens '16* who tells us he is a consulting engineer with the firm of Gascoigne & Associates at 1140 Leader Building, Cleveland. Bill married one month after leaving Cornell away back in 1916, has two daughters and one son, lives at 52 Center Street, Willoughby, Ohio.

Doc Deatruck and Son

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ed he stay until he located a room. That was more than three years ago—and he is still there! The boys liked him so much they adopted him; and last year the son lived with him in Washington, and he in turn was "adopted" by the chapter. Son Peyton is 14.

His mailing address is Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. His work has been concerned with determining soil in large masses of watery sediments. Among his accomplishments has been the construction of a "stonehouse out of an old mill".