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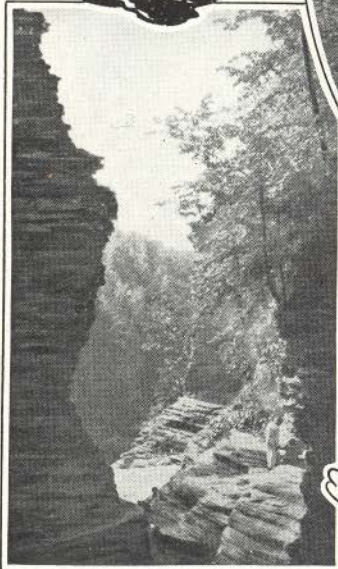
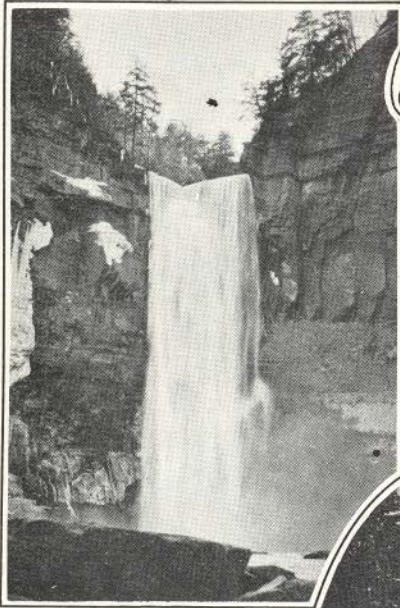
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By Wm. R. WIGLEY, '07



TWENTY-FIVE years ago! The memories of the installation of our Cornell Chapter are still vivid. A devoted group first founded a Cornell Masonic Club and then a chapter of Acacia Fraternity. From the faculty we got the support of those who believed in the project and the kindly advice of those who didn't. The group went ahead. H. Coffman, Pierce, Pearce, Brinton, Bigelow, Canaga, MacCartney, Jayne, Jessup, Hall, J. D. Coffman, Vanderhoef, Alden, Burnett, MacDermott, Frizzell, Brahmer, Palmer and Smith; all worked hard. All looked eagerly forward to membership in a college Fraternity associated with Free Masonry and inspired by Masonic teaching and ideals. It was something to work for.

On an evening in late May — Spring Day evening, if memory serves — at that romantic hour when the sun is setting, the group met in Barnes Hall with Brother Clarence Hill, National Secretary and Brother William Homan, 33°, representing the Grand Chapter. Temporary officers were appointed to perform the ritual and the writer was given what now seems to be the very great honor of being the first candidate to exemplify the initiation into the Cornell Chapter of Acacia. Under the tutelage of Brothers Hill and Homan the Cornell Chapter was duly formed, inducted into the national Fraternity and exemplified the initiation of its first candidate. After it was all over we walked more proudly, held our heads a little higher, we belonged.

During the years to follow, other groups of Cornellians came into the Chapter and did loyal service. There were ups and downs. Sometimes the difficulties were formidable, but always the group carried on and won out.

From the beginning, our Chapter took a prominent place in the National Fraternity and supplied some of the leadership. We have always been in the fore-front. We must continue to do our part in piloting and steering the fraternity on its voyage through the years. Acacia should be the greatest of College Fraternities. It has the background. It has the associations. It has the men.

Looking back to that time twenty-five years ago and remembering our aspirations and ideals we come face to face with facts and conditions which give us pause. . . Our fraternity has developed and progressed. It has kept to its course. Its ideals have been held high. On the voyage, head winds and cross currents have not thrown us out of our course, but they have impeded our progress. Our ship has encountered storms and high seas — some of our rigging is gone, spars are broken. We are limping along when we should be sailing at a clipper pace with all sails set. The binnacle has been knocked askew a bit. We must look to ourselves. We must face the situation. Fortunately, the ship is sound. It does not need rebuilding. It must be reconditioned and refitted. We must again set our course and renew the voyage having sound spars and all sails set and drawing. We have a port to reach . . . The port of leadership among College Fra-

ternities. We can achieve it.

At the last Conclave a beginning was made; a step taken in the direction of freeing the fraternity of those impediments which are holding us back. In view of this fact, the writer now feels free to give expression to views which it is hoped will be helpful. These views are the result of years of study and thought upon the problems of our fraternity. Recently these thoughts have crystallized into definite ideas.

It is to be taken for granted that our fraternity must not lose its association with Masonry. Can this association be maintained in its present form? Can the association be developed so as to be of greater benefit to our fraternity and to Masonry? Upon the answers to these two questions will depend the future progress and ultimate success of our fraternity.

For years the question has been debated: Shall we go Greek letter? The answer has been: No! Probably because no method of associating a Greek letter Fraternity with Free Masonry has been suggested. We are very reluctant, and properly so, about giving up that association. We should not do so. But the question has been an ever recurring one. It is evident therefore that there is a deep-seated and fundamental reason for the question. It lies, apparently, in the restrictions we have placed on the eligibility for membership in our fraternity. The restrictions have limited our choice of members to a very small group of the undergraduate body. When we eliminate from the student body those who are under Masonic age; those of Masonic age who are not Masons; those Masons who are members of Greek letter fraternities; those Masons who are financially unable to join a fraternity, we have eliminated almost the whole student body. Thus our choice of members must be made from a very small nucleus. Probably in a student body of 5000

there are not more than 100 Masons. Of the 100 perhaps only 50 can be drawn upon for membership.

This is not all. We are further limited. Granted that there are 100 Masons in the University. We have only a very limited means of discovering them. Smokers, receptions, etc. can be held but there is no assurance that any considerable proportion of the Masons will attend. Again we are brought to a realization that of the available nucleus we can uncover only a part.

In addition to the undergraduate students from whom we can draw, fortunately, there exists a body of graduate students who are eligible. But again we are confronted with the same difficulties in finding them. Many of the eligible graduate students are married or are contemplating marriage so that they cannot be considered as prospective house members of the local chapter.

Under such limitations and handicaps it is a marvel that the fraternity has continued to exist. I take off my hat in honest tribute to the men who by their loyal effort and devoted labor have kept it going in spite of the difficulties. Their accomplishment is little short of heroic.

From the foregoing it becomes clear why the Greek letter question has been recurrent. There is a fundamental reason for it. It will not down, and something must be done about it. As mentioned above, the last Conclave took the first step in broadening the field from which to choose members. Having taken it, we are still handicapped as before in discovering those who are eligible—how can we find them? The writer is of the opinion that the advantage gained is more apparent than real, but it has a value. The value lies in the fact that here we have a definite acknowledgement that our fraternity can not maintain its association with Masonry in its original

form, and the way has now been opened to take the next step or several steps if the path has become sufficiently clear.

It is our belief that some further steps can be taken to strengthen our bond with Masonry and at the same time free Acacia from those restrictive elements that are holding it almost in a death grip. Certain of these steps to be suggested involve no change in our accepted principles; others cause slight modifications; while still others will strengthen and build up our organization.

Let us first consider how our ties with Masonry might be made stronger. Several points suggest themselves. First, All officers of the Grand Chapter must be Master Masons in good standing. This provision involves no change in the present order. Second, Officers of local chapters should be chosen from among Master Masons as far as practicable. This provision should not be too rigid. Rigidity is one of the things from which we are suffering at the present time. Third, Our ritual can be amplified to include a lecture, say, on the history of the fraternity. Such a lecture might recite that the fraternity was formed originally by Masons to promote Masonic principles, teaching and fellowship among College Masons. It might go on to explain why a belief in God, high ideals, good morals, rectitude and brotherhood are required of all members of our fraternity, and that as Masons, the founder established all these qualifications. A brief mention of the history of Masonry might also be included. The lecture can be worked out, and in such a way as not to infringe in any way upon Masonic doctrine or practice and at the same time it would leave an initiate in our fraternity with a strong interest in Masonry that well might eventuate in an application to join that order upon his attainment of lawful age. It is to be taken for

granted that such a lecture must not contain anything that can even be considered as proselyting or as violating our vows as Masons. There is a broad field that can be legitimately covered in such a lecture without offending the sensibilities of Free and Accepted Masons, and our own sense of the proprieties. Fourth, An obligation can be included in the ritual pledging the initiate to pattern his conduct on those principles which moved the founders, Masons, to form the fraternity. Fifth, Our by-laws can provide that the Masons in a University have a preferred eligibility to membership. An annual questionnaire from the Grand Chapter to the local chapters requesting information as to the number of Masons eligible to membership and the number initiated would give the National officers an opportunity to tactfully steer a local chapter to closer relations with Masons. Sixth, Another law might require every local chapter to devote a certain amount of activity to the promotion of fellowship among the Masons of the University, through smokers, receptions, etc.

All of the above suggestions would go far in keeping and strengthening our associations with Masonry. In addition, we already have a large body of alumni all of whom are Masons. Their influence will be exerted in the direction and interest of Masonry and strongly fortify the provisions of the Constitution and by-laws.

Undoubtedly other suggestions in line with the foregoing will occur to many who read these lines. If all of these are carefully studied and acted upon it is felt that our ties with Masonry will become stronger in the future than in the past.

In revising our membership eligibility rules to include the sons of Masons, the propriety of retaining one of the symbols of Free Masonry as the name of our fraternity is rather questionable. We may well inquire

what, if anything, should be done about it. Perhaps it may be possible to retain the name in a somewhat modified form. This seems possible. We could adopt the Greek form of the word, — AKAKIA — as our major symbol, and the first three letters as our minor symbol: A K A, Alpha Kappa Alpha. The minor symbol would lend itself to inscription on our pin which should be retained in its present form. Such a change would permit us to build into our ritual another tie with Free Masonry, because in explaining the symbolism of A K A its derivation from the Greek word for Acacia and the reasons for its adoption could be brought out impressively.

It should be obvious to everyone that in making sons of Master Masons eligible to membership in our fraternity, we have definitely abandoned our original association with Masonry. Our present association is not any too well defined. We must clear

up the matter. This can be done by going Greek letter along the lines suggested above or by returning to our old principles. There is no half-way ground. We can temporize and let sentimental considerations sway our judgment. It is indeed regrettable that any change from our original status was necessary but the facts of the situation could not be refuted by sentiment. Some constructive action based on realities must be taken. Let us save our fraternity from its present precarious position. Let us make it strong, retaining all the really worth while things and abandoning all that is restrictive of constructive achievement. Let us place Acacia in a position of leadership among College fraternities. We cannot permit it any longer to drag along in the ruck. We have the background and associations; we have the alumni; we have the men; we have the ability. WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL!



DR. CARL E. LADD

ELECTED DEAN OF COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE

DR. CARL E. LADD, '11, was elected by the trustees of Cornell University at their annual meeting in June to be Dean of the College of Agriculture. This distinction was rather to be expected by those here at Cornell, for Dr. Ladd has long been known as an ardent worker in the affairs of the college. The following clipping from the *Ithaca Journal-News* of Monday, June 20 tells some of the things he has been doing. We are indeed proud to have one of our number honored by so high a position.

"Carl Edwin Ladd, the new dean of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, was born at McLean in Tompkins County on Feb. 25, 1888. He was educated in the district school and at McLean High School, and was graduated from Cortland State Normal School in 1907. After teaching high school for two years, he entered the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell, graduating from that institution in 1912. He continued as a research worker and teacher in the Department of Farm Management and received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1915.

"In 1915, Dr. Ladd was appointed the first director of the State School of Agriculture at Delhi, and was responsible for organizing the school. In 1917 he became a specialist in agricultural education in the

New York State Education Department, having charge of the high school departments of agriculture and the six state schools of agriculture. After two years in this position, Dr. Ladd served as director of the

State School of Agriculture at Alfred, for one year, and then returned to Cornell as an extension professor of Farm Management in 1920. In 1924 he was appointed Director of Extension in the College of Agriculture, with supervision over all extension activities in agriculture and Home Economics. In 1928 he spent six months in England organizing and starting research work in Agricultural Economics at Dartington Hall. He was one of the organizers of the Inter-

national Conference of Agricultural Economists.

"During 1930 Dr. Ladd was engaged in part-time work for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and in 1931 he was given leave of absence from Cornell to accept the position of Deputy Commissioner of the State Conservation Department at Albany. For the past three years Dr. Ladd has served as a member and secretary of Governor Roosevelt's Agricultural Advisory Commission."



DR. CARL E. LADD

THE ALUMNI CHAPTER

By ARTHUR F. BOYLES

Alumni Dean

Brothers, I greet you. Scandal and news have I none, but such as I have, give I unto you. Lay aside for the moment the cares and worries of the day, step again into the sunshine of Acacia Fellowship, sit down, rest and refresh yourselves, and hearken to a few words to cheer you and assure you of success:

"For it came to pass that when our Active Chapter had come unto the glorious age of one score years and five, her Alumni Chapter had but reached the age of four and one half. And he, the younger, grew thin and hungerly. For of the three hundred who had journeyed by his mother's house, who had been taken in and soothed and sustained, and had been sent forth rejoicing; but two score and ten remembered him and encouraged him. And of late there came a great famine of news, and even these faithful ones grew silent. For, lo, the spirit is strong, but the flesh is weak.

"Let brotherly love continue.

"Remember Acacia, remember the Cornell Chapter in your alumni days. Join her Alumni Chapter lest you lose her, boost her, think of her, stay in touch with her, keep her for she is your life."

Just a parting reminder: The Alumni Chapter came into being in the spring of 1928 in accordance with new requirements of the national constitution. It is entirely separate from the Acacia Corporation and

must remain so unless the charter of the Corporation be changed at an expense which we believe is unwarranted at the present time. Its purpose is to strengthen the ties of old and to preserve and carry on the traditions, welfare, and honor of Acacia. Each of the past two years it has given \$50 to the Active Chapter toward the expense of publishing *The Traveler*. The Alumni Chapter believes that it should pay the entire cost not only because *The Traveler* is becoming a financial burden to the Actives; but also because the Alumni ought to have some responsibility in perpetuating an order that was worth joining. Annual dues are only \$2.00; the Actives pay \$15.00. The fiscal year begins on Homecoming Day each fall.

If you have allowed your membership to lapse, payment of this year's dues puts you back in good standing.

If you became an alumnus since the spring of 1928, you are required to become a member in accordance with provisions in the national constitution.

If you became an alumnus before that time, you *ought* to join even though not obligated to do so.

Make your check payable to the Cornell Acacia Alumni Chapter. Send it *now*. If you wish any information about the Alumni Chapter, write to the Alumni Dean. And send some news.



We don't know whether it is because of the depression or what, but there have been mighty few letters sent in to us during the past year. However, there have been some. First on our desk, we find the following from AL NAETER, who, as you can see, also found time to get out the old check book and send along the amount due on his Building Pledge:

"Brothers in Acacia:

"I am enclosing a check to cover the amount now due on my building pledge. Please forward it to the building corporation.

"Time certainly flies. Our young daughter, Carol Ann, is now over three months old and is doing nicely. (This letter, by the way, came in May, 1931, but too late for publication in *The Traveller*. Ed. note).

"Last Sunday morning I attended initiation ceremonies at the Oklahoma A. & M. Chapter of Acacia. It reminded me of the time when I crossed the hot sands.

"School will soon close here. Commencement comes on May 27th. So senior examinations are only about ten days away.

"I am looking forward to the arrival of *The Traveller*.

"Ruby joins me in sending greetings."

We were sorry to hear, through Bro. JOHN MCCARTNEY, of the death of Bro. CHILSON B. HAVILAND, who died on October 21. He was, at the time of his death, on the laboratory staff of the Bureau of Milk Sanitation.

ASHLEY ("Tiny") ROBEY, one of our latest benedicts and also one of our latest Ph.D's. has landed a job 'way down south in Arkansas. Let him tell you about it:

"Dear Gang:—

"Just a note to let you know I will be at the above address (1420 Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas) until Sept. 1, after which I will be at State College, Arkansas. I landed a job as professor and head of the Department of Chemistry at the State A. & M. College of Arkansas.

"Pleasant trip home. Made the 2100 miles in 6 days driving time. Stopped over several places for a day or so on the way.

"Best wishes and regards to all the gang."

CORNELL TIDINGS

By J. M. CLARKSON, *et al*

SOCIAL EVENTS, 1931-32

This year marked a change in the policy of the social activities at Cornell. The social committee, under the able direction of K. W. Sherk, who was Junior Dean when we started school at the beginning of the year, met and drew up a program of events which was mimeographed and sent out to all of the alumni in and around Ithaca. These events, interspersed with numerous



"vic" parties, were held as per schedule, were usually well attended, and served to bring about one of the most pleasant years in the history of the Chapter. There had been some talk among the alumni to the effect that they did not feel free to come in at all times, have a good time and then sit back and let the active Chapter bear all the expense, so there was arranged a schedule of costs for the various events (excepting the "Vic" parties) was appended. The response was most gratifying. We had at the house more of the alumni than before, when they felt that they were paying their way.

The schedule follows:

Nov. 14: Card Party; Dec. 17: Dinner-Christmas Party-Victrola Dance; Jan. 16: Card Party; Feb. 19: Second Term Smoker; Mar. 19: Card Party; Apr. 22: Spring Formal, Masonic Temple; May 28: Dinner-Dance-Cards (Founders Day Party).

A word or two about how the various "high lights" came out. The Spring For-

mal, as usual, was held at the Masonic Temple, where music was furnished by an orchestra that "dished out" quite an assortment of good, rythmical tunes. The hall was softly lighted by colored lights, and decorated by the neon triangle designed by "Buzz" Calkins and "Walt" Cotner. About ten in the evening the couples began to arrive. The admit cards were taken at the door by "Duke" Clarkson, and the guests drifted away on the wings of melody. There was punch, of course, served with wafers in the entrance hall.

The chaperones for the occasion were Prof. and Mrs. H. D. Laube, "Cliff" and Mrs. Allanson, and "Bill" and Mrs. Mills. They met the guests upon their arrival and bade them be at home, welcoming those who were not of Acacia in the true Acacia spirit.

At one o'clock in the morning, the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home," and the formal dance of 1932 was a thing of the past, but not a thing to be soon forgotten by all who came and enjoyed the music and the beauty of the evening.

Elsewhere in these pages is given an account of the Founders Day Party, so we shall not repeat here the things that have already been said. Suffice it to say that all who took part left with the feeling that we should have a birthday party every year, and not wait for some special occasion like the twenty-fifth anniversary.

The second term smoker, held on Feb-

ruary 19, a date as near to the anniversary of George Washington as was feasible, was well attended by the Masons on the hill as well as by the alumni of the Cornell Chapter who were within reach.

Of the various "Vic" Dances held, little need be said, for they are always delightful, informal affairs, as can be attested by all who come in to them.

FATHER AND SON

One of the most unique situations in Fraternity circles has arisen in the Cornell Chapter of Acacia. We have as pledges both a father and son, and by the time that school gets well under way in the fall, we shall

have initiated them. Prof. Earl Sunderville, Secretary of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Edwin J. are the two, and we count ourselves as fortunate in having them among us. "Eddie" was pledged about March, and his "dad" gave us his pledge only this month, June. We shall try to get the word out to all of those within reach this fall, as to when their initiation will take place so that you may have the chance to witness this event, which, so far as can be learned, is the first of its kind in the history of this Chapter, at least. Perhaps it is the first instance of the initiation of father and son into any chapter of Acacia. If any of you know of another case, write in and tell us about it, for we are interested.

NEW MEMBERS

VINCENT "VINCE" KEATOR

This is another Kingston lad, but this time it is Kingston, New York that claims "Vince". It was on January 24, 1914 that his parents gave out the good news that "it's a boy", and named him Vincent. In 1918, however, his family moved to Chichester, N. Y., and Kingston was to know him no more until he was ready for High School, when he returned in 1927 to enter the Kingston school. In 1930, and again in 1931, "Vince" played baseball with his school team, and in 1931, he also made the basketball squad. But, being a normal boy, and so sticking to his books and learning his lesson, it was inevitable that he should graduate, which event took place in 1931. He likes trees and woods and such things, so "Vince" came to Cornell and entered the Professional Forestry course. That was last fall, and by the time that he'd been here almost a semester, the membership requirements of Acacia were altered, and he was eligible to be pledged.

He was pledged to the Cornell Chapter in February of 1932, and initiated April 16.

LOREN PETTIBONE SHORTZ

"Larry" first saw the light of day on March 2, 1902 in Kingston, Pennsylvania. He attended the Kingston schools, graduating with the class of 1920, and while there played on the Varsity basketball squad in his senior year. He had made up his mind that he wanted to build bridges, survey farms, lay out roads, and so forth, so he went to Penn State in the fall of 1920 and enrolled in the Civil Engineering course, finishing his work and getting his "C. E." in 1924. All of his time was not taken up with books, however, for he found that the Penn State freshmen needed a good Lacrosse player, so he went out for the team and made it. The next year, when he was a sophomore, he made the team a second time, and the coaches learned that he was good enough to be put on the second varsity. Only his size prevented his making the varsity, so we are told.

Having finished his course, of course the next thing was to show the world at large that he had the right stuff in him, so he promptly got a job as draftsman and de-

signer with the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department, that county being in his native Pennsylvania. He held this place until 1928, when the American Bridge Company ferretted him out and made him a structural detailer (whatever that is).

When 1931 came along, "Larry" found that he wanted to learn more about bridge building than could be gotten from the practical side, so he cast about for a good school where graduate work in Civil Engineering was offered. Of course, the answer was Cornell. He entered the Graduate school here last September and was promptly asked to join the Cornell Chapter of Acacia, to which he was pledged in October. His initiation followed on December 12. He made himself felt immediately in the work of the Chapter, and was rewarded by being elected Venerable Dean at the spring elections. During the short time that he has been at the head of our chapter he has shown an indefatigable interest in promoting the welfare of the chapter, and we feel that we were indeed lucky in obtaining him as a member. If you get him backed into a corner and pin him down, he will admit that he is pretty fair as a bowler, but our private opinion is that he is considerably better than he says he is. We do know that his clarinet and saxophone help to enliven many a Sunday afternoon which would otherwise be rather dull. He has the distinction of being the first pledge to break silence with a *sax appeal*.

"Larry" was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Kingston Lodge No. 395, in November of 1924, became a member of the Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg, Penna. in June 1925, and in the same month was admitted to Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., which Temple is at Wilkes-Barre.

L. NELSON SIMMONS

Simmons was graduated from the Sidney High School in 1909, from which he entered the Cornell University Law School, finishing in 1912. For the next four years, he practiced law "on his own", until the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation obtained his services for their Claim Department. He held that position until 1918, transferring to the Manufacturers Liability Insurance Company, where he was made Claims Manager and Assistant Secretary. But Cornell called again, and so Simmons came back, this time as Legal Assistant to the Comptroller, in 1922, which position he now holds.

While he was engaged in general law practice, in 1914, Simmons decided that he would like to become a Mason, so he applied for membership in Franklin Lodge No. 562, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason that year. He joined the Eagle Chapter F. and A. M. No. 68 in 1925, and was elected King of the Chapter this year.

Pledged to Acacia, June 5, he will be initiated when the Chapter at Cornell re-opens in the fall.

EDWIN J. SUNDERVILLE

On Nov. 14, 1914, I came into the world, weighing 7½ lbs. My pre-school days passed uneventfully for me, but perhaps eventfully for my mother, part of her time being spent in nursing me through measles, whooping-cough, chicken-pox, and later the mumps.

At the age of five, I was launched upon my school career. The Forest Home School, located but one block from our home, was a new and fairly well equipped building, at the time I entered.

Somewhere along the line of march through the first seven grades, I worried through a few piano lessons.

In the fall of my eleventh year, I joined an energetic band of Forest Homers, entering the eighth grade in the Ithaca High school.

The following year I was a freshman in this same school. I supplimented my studies with more music, this time choosing the cornet. During my High School days, I was a member of the High School Band and the French and Latin clubs. In my Junior year I joined the Cayuga Chapter of De Molay, serving on the degree team, and holding an office for one term. I cherish contacts made, and training received while a member of Balbec Grotto Band. During this same year I served as Assistant Superintendent of the Forest Home Sunday School.

In 1931, when in my seventeenth year, having gone through High School without any great struggle, I entered Cornell University. Here I found I was suddenly thrown on my own initiative, and it was either sink or swim. I struggled along and have thus far managed to keep swimming.

I have enjoyed my year in the Freshman Band, and hope my limited knowledge of music will permit me to continue with band work.

I was pledged to the Cornell Chapter of Acacia on March 23, 1932.

EARL SUNDERVILLE

Prof. Sunderville was born in Newark, N. Y., October 5, 1886. He attended the local high school and graduated in 1905. In the fall of 1905, he entered Cornell University as a freshman in the Veterinary College, graduating in June 1908.

He was appointed Student Assistant in the department of Comparative Anatomy at the Veterinary College for 1908-09. In 1909 he was appointed Instructor in the same department and served in that capacity till 1914. In 1916 he was appointed Assist-

ant Professor and has occupied that position till the present time. He was made secretary of the college in 1926.

During the year 1911 Professor Sunderville was initiated, passed and raised in Hobasco Lodge, No. 716 located at Ithaca, N. Y. In 1912 he became a member of Ithaca Lodge of Perfection and finished the Scottish rite degrees in 1913 by joining Osteningo Consistory at Binghamton, N. Y. Also in 1914, he became a member of Kalurah Temple of Binghamton. In 1916 he was a charter member of Balbec Grotto of Ithaca. He started in the chairs of Hobasco Lodge in 1914 and was Master in 1921, Chaplin in 1922 and secretary from 1925 to 1930. He started in the chairs of Ithaca Lodge of Perfection in 1914 and was Master in 1918. He was elected in 1918 as trustee of Ithaca Lodge of Perfection and a member of the Masonic Temple Corporation of Ithaca, which office he now holds. He was Monarch of Balbec Grotto in 1929 and since then has served as a trustee of that body.

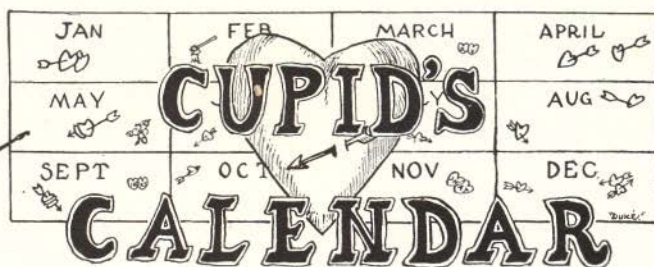
In 1918 he was made Grand Hospitaler of the Council of Deliberation of New York, and also served as Grand Marshall of that body in 1917.

In 1912 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Koller of Johnstown, N. Y.

In 1930 he was a representative from the New York State Veterinary College to the International Veterinary Congress in London. He is a member of the New York State Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In 1912 he was elected to the Sigma Xi Chapter at Cornell, and is an honorary member of the Omega Tau Sigma, a Professional Veterinary Fraternity.

Prof. Sunderville was pledged to the Cornell Chapter of Acacia on June 14, 1932.



WEDDINGS:

Roger Clapp, to Grace Katherine Reynolds,
June 15, 1931.

Wilbur Ernest Meserve, to Pearle Ian West-
ervelt, August 21, 1931.

Harold Roberts Murray, to Mary Elissa
Williamson, Sept. 8, 1931.

Raymond Albrechtsen, to Louise Isabel Davis,
Dec. 4, 1931.

Ashley Robey, to Elizabeth Ellwanger Chad-
wick, Jan. 2, 1932.

John Carl Ratsek, to Ethel Nichols, June
11, 1932.

Edgar H. Henderson, to Isabelle Worth
Bowen, June 18, 1932.



BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olafson, a daughter, April 23,
1931.

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodson, Katherine, May 30,
1931.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Emslie, Elizabeth Anne, July
24, 1931.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lothers, "Jackie", Nov. 25, 1931.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Goodman, Amarilla Loyce, Dec.
30, 1931.



To Mr. and Mrs. Leland Spencer, John Franklin, May 2, 1932.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Miller, Richard Thomas, June 6, 1932.

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Delos S. Calkins, to Harriett Adelaide Stone.



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THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

May 30, 1907. Does that date bring back to you the days when you were a pledge, learning the interesting history of Acacia and "cramming" for that examination before the assembled chapter? Does it recall to you who were fortunate enough to be listed among the charter members of the Cornell Chapter the preparations you made and the petition you signed for such a charter? During our twenty-five years of activity "far above Cayuga's waters" we have seen much go on. We have been, well, perhaps not the largest chapter in the fraternity, but surely a steadfast one, and it is from our chapter that some of the most beautiful sections of our ritual have been inaugurated, and some of the most far-reaching policies of the fraternity have been

formulated.

On May 28, 1932, there was held at the chapter house a dinner and birthday party. Those of you who were there know what a good time was had. Those who could not attend missed one of the best "get-togethers" that it has been our privilege to see. Brother Wigley, one of the charter members gave a brief outline of the way in which the Cornell Chapter was launched. In this issue, we are carrying an article by Brother Wigley anent some of our history and our policies during the years we have run, and he also outlines what several think should be the future policy of the fraternity. It is worth considering what these first Acacians at Cornell have in their minds, for they are in a position to see not only the few years that they spent here, but

the whole panorama of the existence of Acacia, for Cornell is one of the first chapters, you remember.

In behalf of the Chapter, we wish to express our deepest appreciation for the remembrances given on our birthday. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hughes, father and mother of "Eddie" Hughes, presented the house with a silver cake plate, which is to be appropriately engraved and used by the active Chapter with a great deal of pleasure. "Walt" Cotner, who has taken so much interest in the house since he came in presented a nice check to be used for the purchase of silver. These are the only ones from whom we have heard at the time of this writing, but it is quite likely that there will be others before we go to press. We of the active Chapter thank all of you for your interest in us, and urge you to remember that we are always glad to have you come in and see us.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

For the past several years there has been talk, and then more talk about revising the membership requirements in Acacia. The arguments, pro and con have waxed eloquent. The whole atmosphere has been charged with feeling that was not always tempered with charity. But now the change is an actual fact. Sons of Master Masons are eligible to membership. Many have actually been made members — and very good material they are too, judging from

the samples the Cornell Chapter has initiated. The question which we wish to propound to you who are our alumni is this: Now that sons of Masons, as well as Masons, are available as new material, what are you, and *you*, and *you* going to do about it? Are you going to simply accept it as a fact? Are you going to sulk and say you don't know where the fraternity will end? Are you going to shout with joy, but take it all out in shouting?

The answer will mean more to the Cornell Chapter of Acacia than any one can foresee. If you fold your hands, roll your eyes, shrug your shoulders and say nothing, then day by day, year by year, Cornell's chapter of Acacia will surely shrivel and blow away. If you stick out your lip, draw in your skirts and pass by on the other side of the road, then just as surely will Acacia die out on "the hill". If you jubilantly yell "That's the stuff," clap your brother on the shoulder and beam upon everyone around, then *do* nothing, Cornell and Acacia are due for a parting. But, if you put forth every effort to get in touch with the sons of Master Masons who are in Cornell, and "put us wise" to the fact that they are here; if you go out of your way to learn of promising material and let us know about it; if you keep up your vigil and spot a new Mason for us, then we are indeed on the threshold of a glorious burst of activity such as the Cornell Chapter has not seen in a long, long time. *What are you going to do about it?*

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Bradlee, Thomas, '08	Pickerill, Horace M., '13
Burnett, Samuel H., '07	Rasmason, H. L., '10
Craig, John, '11	Repp, Roscoe C., '15
Crittenden, Lieut. Charles G., '14	Scammell, R. J., '19
du Buisson, Johannes P., '16	Schempp, George C., Jr., '11
Haviland, Chilson B., '11	Stewart, Vern B., '13
Hendy, John L. (Pledged)	Suiter, Lieut. Wilbur C., '12
Homan, William, '07 (Honorary)	Vanderhoef, James E., '07
Kimball, Victor G., '11	Wilder, Lieut. Paul, '10
McCann, William I., '17	