



NEW CHAPTER HOUSE OF INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE, JUST BEFORE COMPLETION

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# Indiana Epsilon Builds New Home

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A BEAUTIFUL poem, recently seized and destroyed by modern jazz, states that only God can make a tree. Let us sacrilegiously substitute M. E. Garber, proprietor of *The Courier*, of Madison, Indiana, for God and the result is a new chapter house for Indiana Epsilon.

Ever since the old house was built in the summer of 1924 members of the chapter and alumni have been lolling in beautiful visions about the "new house," which was always to be built the next summer. But for some unaccountable reason, it didn't come to pass. Intentions were, on the whole, excellent, but there were no results. The old house, as everyone who ever inhabited one of its cubby-holes is well aware, was far too small. In its day it was amply large, and met the needs of the chapter nicely, but its day had passed.

One plan called for an addition to the old house large enough to make the whole accommodate thirty-five men. Unexpected delays, however, blocked the plan, and the addition was never built, a thing for which the chapter is now quite happy. The chapter officers, however, evidently thinking that Indiana Epsilon was not destined to have an addition, set their minds on a new house, to be built on the new fraternity row, mapped out in the college's development program. The chapter, of course, heartily approved the plan, and headed by President Ralph Anderson, '31, chapter representative on the house commission, worked doggedly toward the realization of the dream.

Then came one of the most baffling problems of the whole thing—the disposal of the old house. No one seemed

to wish to purchase it. Then, when everything seemed most impossible, the college became interested in it, and offered to purchase it for an overflow men's dormitory. The matter was arranged at once, and the contract let. The excavation was started in May with a simple but impressive ground-breaking ceremony, at which Jasper W. LaGrange, Madison, one of the oldest living members of the chapter, removed the first spadeful of earth.

The building rose rapidly during the summer months and the middle of October will probably have seen the chapter comfortably housed in its new home.

In appearance the house is most impressive. It rises three stories in height and commands an excellent prospect. Across the new campus drive is the old campus, with its majestic trees and historic buildings. From the windows of the third floor one can look down into the gorge of Happy Valley, and beyond can be seen the Ohio River with its background of Kentucky hills. In harmony with the college buildings and the historical significance of Hanover and vicinity, the new home of Indiana Epsilon is built along Georgian lines. It is situated far back from the Lucina Ball Drive on a lot large enough that it does not seem crowded. It is of solid brick construction, with Bedford limestone used with excellent effect around the windows, on the gables, etc. At each end of the building are the massive double chimneys which were such a distinguishing feature of the Georgian period in architecture.

The house has twenty-three rooms altogether in the basement, first and second floors, while the third floor is

made up of a large dormitory and two special study rooms, made to accommodate four or five men each.

In the basement is a den with a fireplace, a billiard room, the chapter room, furnace room, and fuel room. The house will be heated by a steam-heating plant. One enters at the first

The guest room is a sizable bedroom with full bath. Above the kitchen and connected with it by a private stairway are the housemother's rooms. These rooms which are located in the east wing are separated from the study rooms by a heavy brick wall and connected with the second floor hall



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floor into a spacious hall, which contains staircases leading down into the basement and up to the second floor. At the end of the hall is the dining room, which extends across the rear of the house and has at the east end a large colonial fireplace. Off the hall to the right is the guest room and bath, while to the left is the living room. (Loafing and the kindred arts will be practiced in the den to save wear and tear on the living room.) Beyond the living room, which also has a fireplace, is the library, which is likewise equipped. The library is paneled in wide, knotty, pine boards and contains bookcases built in, which rise to the ceiling on the four walls.

by a door at the end. On the second floor there are an office, telephone room, six full-sized study rooms, and one special study, of the type located on the third floor. About 35 can comfortably be accommodated in the house. In addition to the study rooms on the second floor there is a large lavatory with tubs and showers. The third floor is built so that more study rooms can be made at any time by the erection of partitions.

At first the financing of the house seemed an almost impossible task. The total cost of the house plus furnishings is \$46,000. The good financial standing of the chapter, however, and its excellent credit rating made the

house possible. Indiana Epsilon was free of debt, and had several thousand dollars in its house fund. Then with the sale of the old house and the loan of \$20,000 from a Madison bank things began to look really promising.

The chapter inaugurated a system of "trade acceptances," much like those used in the financing of other new chapter houses recently. The acceptances, much like post-dated checks, can be filled out in any number, and for any amount. As they come due they are cashed at the Jonee's bank exactly as a check is cashed. It is not possible, of course, for the entire cost of the house to be paid in this way. Because of the fact that the money borrowed for the financing of the old house was paid back so promptly, in fact, two years before it was due, the financial standing of the chapter with the Madison banks is exceptionally good, and the loan was negotiated without a great deal of dif-

ficulty. The entire chapter is working on the trade acceptances, and it is expected that a sufficiently large number of them will be filled out to provide Indiana Epsilon with a substantial income for the next few years, which would have been, otherwise, much more difficult.

With the new house, so much more commodious and comfortable than the old one, Indiana Epsilon will be much better fitted to meet the needs of its members, its guests, and brothers who come to Hanover for visits or conventions. The Kappa Province New Initiates convention is to be held in Hanover next spring, and the chapter looks forward to it with no small amount of anticipation, happy that it can entertain its visitors so much better than of old. The members of Indiana Epsilon hope that any Phis who happen to be in the vicinity of Hanover will stop for a while at the new Phi Delt house.

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## Priest Honored by Sister Fraternity

A PLEASING and deserved recognition was given to Executive Secretary Arthur R. Priest last month by the  $\Phi$  K T Fraternity in its annual convention. A resolution adopted by the fraternity was as follows:

THE PHI KAPPA TAU FRATERNITY,  
GRAND CHAPTER IN CONVENTION  
ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, The Twenty-first Annual Convention of  $\Phi$  K T is greatly honored by the presence at its opening session of official representation from  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , and is

truly appreciative of the splendid spirit evidenced on this occasion and of the guiding counsel on numerous other occasions;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the  $\Phi$  K T Fraternity in Silver Jubilee Convention assembled, hereby expresses to  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  and its distinguished representative, Mr. A. R. Priest, Secretary, the appreciation of the Fraternity for this courtesy and honor and for their contribution to this, our most notable convention.

(Signed) RICHARD J. YOUNG  
Grand Secretary