

# The Alumni Club Activities

## This Year's Founders Day Celebrations

WITH incomplete reports showing 58 dinners involving 95 clubs,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has completed one of its most widely observed Founders Day seasons. From late February until early May, the alumni and undergraduates gathered at dinners, large and small, to pay tribute to the Six Founders and the ideals for which they stand.

It is regrettable that complete returns are not available in all instances at this writing. It is almost certain that the number of dinners and likewise participants will be increased when full reports are made. Based, however, on actual reports and conservative estimates, there is ground for stating that close to ten thousand graduate and undergraduate Phis this year attended the Fraternity's traditional annual feast-day.

As has been the custom hitherto, there have been many instances in which neighbor clubs joined in the dinner celebration. Again this year, chapter delegations attended dinners of their nearest alumni clubs. The observance at Indianapolis, this as other years, was somewhat of a state-wide dinner with nearly a hundred per cent registration of all Indiana chapters, rolling up a total attendance of nearly five hundred. Something of the same trend occurred at Columbus, Ohio, where, in addition to nearby chapters, the General Council by virtue of a meeting in that city, attended. The celebration at Charleston, West Virginia, May 4, literally and officially was state-wide, it being the annual meeting of the West Virginia State Alumni Association, the only organization of that type.

No pattern was followed in the dinner programs, though more and more clubs emphasized as the evening's climax the presentation of Golden Legion certificates to men who were initiated fifty or

more years ago. More than one hundred Golden Legionnaires were created at dinners or *in absentia* this year, increasing the Legion to 1473 members. It was widely predicted that in the years to come, these presentations will become more and more an impressive rite of the Founders Day dinners.

Another trend was the de-emphasis of professional theatrical entertainment. The New York club which for several years staged a stupendous extravaganza of high-class entertainment turned completely away from it this year and put the accent on the message of the occasion. In an increasing number of instances undergraduates as individuals or as chapter groups put on singing numbers.

The Washington club staged its customary glamour dinner, including among the guests Phis distinguished in Federal governmental affairs, as participants, among them three United States Senators, one former Senator, judges of the courts, members of Commissions and Authorities.

Some very effective promotion methods were used to stimulate attendance. The Denver club had a striking mimeograph sheet that was irresistible. Clubs with regular monthly news-letters used these media successfully. In Pittsburgh, the club did honor to Col. William A. Gano, *Dickinson '02*, its principal speaker, by using his portrait on the front cover of the dinner card. More and more clubs recognized the white carnation as an appropriate symbol of Founders Day.

The careful estimate of a total attendance of ten thousand Phis at the dinners this year carries an impressive significance. Official records show that there are about thirty-two thousand Phis with known addresses. They are scattered all over the world. Just how many of them

are outside alumni zones it is not possible to say—probably a very large number. But with all included, it is apparent that this year perhaps a third of all available alumni found it possible to register their

interest in the Fraternity by participating in the observance of Founders Day.  
—DEAN M. HOFFMAN, *Alumni Commissioner*.

#### AKRON

ONE HUNDRED AND NINE members of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  living in the Akron area, including 77 alumni and 32 representatives from the Ohio Epsilon chapter, were present at the Founders Day banquet held March 14 at the Akron City Club. They represented fifteen different colleges.

Rev. Sidney A. Mayer, *Ohio Wesleyan '19*, pastor of the Cuyahoga Falls Methodist Church, as the principal speaker delivered a splendid Founders Day address. In an interesting manner he traced in detail the founding and early history of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , paid special and appropriate tribute to the six founders, and re-emphasized the paramount and enduring principles of the Bond.

Allen B. Whitney, president of Sigma Province, who served as chairman of the committee in charge of the Founders Day activities, was the toastmaster for the evening. E. Kenneth Hamlen, J. A. Jaques, E. G. Wortman, and C. R. Langdon were other members of the committee.

Using a list of questions and answers on  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  history which were prepared by Brothers Whitney and Hoff, John Rowley posed as "Professor Quiz" in selecting and quizzing two teams of contestants, and presented a novel, entertaining half-hour program.

A fifty-year certificate emblematic of his membership in the Golden Legion was presented to Dr. L. R. C. Eberhard, *Akron '95*. Brother C. A. Stillman, *Alabama '98*, a vice-president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, had also planned to be present to receive his fifty-year certificate but was prevented by illness from attending.

Music of the program was directed by J. A. Jaques. Members of the song team from the active chapter sang several Fraternity songs, including "Phi Delta Theta, We Love You" and "Phi Delt Bungalow," and also aided the singing of the entire group.—RICHARD C. HOFF.

#### BOSTON

THE Boston Alumni Club observed Founders Day with a dinner at the Hotel Sheraton on Friday evening, March 22. I. J. Vail, *Vermont '98*, president of the club, acted as toastmaster. He was assisted in arranging for the occasion by E. Curtis Mower, Jr., *Vermont '23*.

We were privileged to have with us Wat T. Cluverius, of the General Council, and Forrest Price, *Wooster '88*. Admiral Cluverius had just returned from a trip during which he addressed Founders Day meetings in various cities of the Middle West and East. He gave us an inspiring talk, and made a delightful presentation of the Golden Legion certificate to Brother Price, who was for many years, until his retirement, financial editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*. Brother Price responded with a beautiful tribute to  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ .

A large delegation of actives from Massachusetts Gamma contributed notably to the success of the evening, and we were happy to welcome also a group

of Phi now attending the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. A dozen chapters were represented.

At the conclusion of the exercises, the meeting adjourned to the chapter house of Massachusetts Gamma, next door, where the actives held an informal open house for the alumni.

We are happy that Brother Cluverius has chosen to live in our neighboring city, Worcester, where he is President of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and look forward as a club to better days as a result of his activities and influence in this region.—MARK W. BRADFORD.

#### BUFFALO

THE Buffalo Alumni Club celebrated Founders Day with a banquet at the Buffalo Athletic Club, Friday, March 15. From 6 to 7 P.M. was designated as Fellowship Hour and was devoted to renewals of old friendships and the making of new ones, the members being the guests of Harold J. Adams. Fraternity songs were sung, incidents of undergraduate days were recalled, and so successful was this particular feature that we will make it a preliminary to all of our dinners hereafter.

President M. O. Cederquist, *Lafayette '12*, presided at the banquet and the business meeting which was held immediately after dessert. Golden Legionnaire certificates were presented to Brothers Floyd K. Smith, *Lehigh '93*, and Hubert E. V. Porter, *Dickinson '91*. Brother Cederquist then presented the toastmaster of the evening, Harold J. Adams, *Vermont '03*, who introduced the speaker of the evening, John B. Dixon, *Vermont '21*, whose subject was India-Japan-China and the Far East. He gave a very interesting talk on life in that section of the world, stressing particularly national unity and answered many questions asked by the brothers as to the life and customs of the people of the Far East. The final speaker was Roswell P. Rosengren, *Colgate '24*, president of Beta Province and past-president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose subject was Alumni Responsibilities for Preservation of the Fraternity's Ideals. Brother Rosengren is a distinguished and experienced orator and his address was exceptionally inspiring.

The officers for the ensuing year are President, Louis C. Dodd, *Vermont '98*; Vice-President, Russell C. Harris, *Colgate '15*; Secretary and Treasurer, Melville T. Huber, *Gettysburg '01*.

It was decided to hold monthly dinners on the first Friday evening of each month. In order to start these off auspiciously, Brother Dodd invited the Club to be his guests at his home in 79 Windsor Ave., Buffalo, Friday evening, May 3. As an additional activity, joint meetings with Rochester and Toronto are being arranged for the summer months, with golf in the afternoon followed by dinner.

After adjournment the brothers gathered in groups for cards and general talk fest and so interesting were these activities that the party really did not break up until after one A.M. All agreed that the

evening had been most enjoyable and had renewed everyone's enthusiasm for  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ .—MELVILLE T. HUBER, Secretary.

#### CHICAGO

*Believe it or not—for it is a funny quirk:* Illinois Beta is older than the University of Chicago where it is located. Yes, sir, by many years. That is significant of something or other, but more important is the fact that it is Illinois Beta's 75th Anniversary on June 8, 1940. The Chicago Alumni Club has pledged their support to make it a "stupendous, terrific, knock-out affair."

June 8, the Phis and Phikeias will start the day with golf in the luxury of a nearby country club. In the evening we will have a short exciting banquet, and at night is the Interfraternity Sing.

All Phis the world over are urged to contact the Chicago Alumni Club, for information on the low-cost day, with the best fellows in the world.

Contact the undersigned at Randolph 8440, One North LaSalle Street.—PAUL H. WHITNEY, Secretary.

#### CHICAGO, NORTH SHORE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY Phis from Chicago's upper coastline gathered on April 11 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel for the North Shore Alumni Club's observance of Founders Day.

Featured speaker of the evening was Dean Hoffman, alumni commissioner. Other national alumni officers present included Paul Beam, national secretary, and Murray Smith, province president. Jack Ryan, president of the Northwestern undergraduate chapter, acted as toastmaster.

Combined with the Founders Day banquet were initiation ceremonies staged just before the dinner by the Northwestern chapter. Entertainment, arranged by Chuck Apley, who emceed college nights at the Marine Dining Room of the Beach, included stunts by a professional magician, tap-dancing, baton-twirling by the national champion junior twirler, and solo and group singing. Following the program, banqueters were invited to witness the floor show in the Marine Room with Ted Weems.

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements included Julian Lambert, chairman, Ralph Albrecht, Clarence Barker, Bob Courter, Northwestern undergraduate, Jack Fields, DeWitt Gibson, and Robert Schott.—JOHN E. FIELDS, Secretary.

#### CLEVELAND

OUR Founders Day banquet was held at the Cleveland Athletic Club, Wednesday, March 13. There were eighty-one in attendance for the banquet, including

five undergraduates from the Case chapter and half a dozen more attended the talk given by Brother A. Allen Bates, *Ohio Wesleyan '23*. Brother Bates is manager of the chemical and metallurgical research department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and gave a most interesting talk followed by a general discussion of his subject.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Charles E. Peterman; Vice-President, John Bodwell; Treasurer, C. Dudley Foster; Secretary, Fred H. Fox. Luncheons will be held every Friday at 12:15 at the Cleveland Athletic Club and monthly evening meetings are planned, to be announced later.—FRED H. FOX, Secretary.

#### CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI Phis commemorated Founders Day with a banquet, held on March 20, at the University Club. Nearly eighty members attended, including an unusually large number from Ohio Theta.

Hon. Burton L. French, former Congressman from Idaho and now Professor of Civil Government at Miami University, was our guest speaker. Brother French delivered an inspiring address upon the subject of "Alumni Responsibility for Preservation of the Fraternity's Ideals." A brief talk concerning the "Prominent Phis of History" was next given by Brother W. Allen Stone, our Hamilton County Engineer. Brother Allen Fox, who is talented in the art of legerdemain, amused the gathering with a number of mystifying tricks.

General Headquarters was represented by Harry Gerlach, the Assistant Secretary of our Fraternity. An innovation at this celebration was the reading of the Bond by several members of the active chapter.

The annual election of officers of the Alumni Club was held, with the following results: Don T. Kaiser was re-elected President; W. Allen Stone was chosen Vice-President; Richard Morris, Treasurer; John Bacon, Chorister; and J. Robert Sagmeister, Secretary.

After the election, the active chapter entertained with several  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  songs. Their singing inspired the oldsters, who all joined in for a few more selections, accompanied by Brother Burt Robinson at the piano.

The meeting broke up shortly thereafter, whereupon the members separated into groups—some for playing cards and others for talking over old times.—J. ROBERT SAGMEISTER, Secretary.

#### COLUMBUS

THE Columbus Alumni Club sponsored its annual Founders Day banquet March 1. There were 278



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present, which was the largest attendance on record at a Founders Day banquet in Columbus.

All of the members of the General Council were present. In addition to President Ballou, Past Presidents of the General Council present were Dr. John Edwin Brown, Columbus; Charles Macauley, Detroit; and Dean Hoffman, Harrisburg, Pa. Honored at the banquet were President John B. Ballou and Dr. William McPherson, President Emeritus of Ohio State University.—FRED J. MILLIGAN.

#### DALLAS

The largest group in the history of Dallas Phis assembled at Dallas Country Club on March 15 for our annual alumni gathering. The food was good



#### DALLAS FOUNDERS DAY SPONSORS

Charles Seay and Allen Dealey, Texas '36 and '37

and the speeches were short, so over two hundred brothers had a fine time.

Charles Seay, Texas '36, president of the Dallas Alumni Club, acted as master of ceremonies throughout the evening. He called on the representatives of the various collegiate chapters in Texas and had them say a few words. Southwestern had sent up Phil McGee; Texas was represented by the president of the chapter, Stanley Neely, and S.M.U. had its president as representative, James K. Wilson, Jr. The entire chapter of Southern Methodist attended in a body, and Seay introduced each of the new initiates to the gathering. They had been Brother Phis for only two hours and were probably the most enthusiastic persons in attendance.

The S.M.U. chapter each year recognizes the alumnus who does the most to help the undergraduate chapter. They inscribe his name on a large silver cup. Tom Carpenter, S.M.U. '29, is the recipient for 1940. The complete list of those to whom the cup has been awarded include: Will Caruth, S.M.U. '33; Tom Carpenter, S.M.U. '29 (he has twice been recognized); Henry Bolanz, Texas '19; Bentley Young, Kentucky '16; and Mayne Longnecker, Iowa Wesleyan '20.

The Alumni Club of Fort Worth again came over to participate with us in the Founders Day celebration. This group was led by Bob Behrends, Westminster '30. Professor F. W. Hogan, Vanderbilt '11, spoke a friendly and sincere word in behalf of the group from Fort Worth. He discussed very effectively the part that alumni should take in building  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ .

The Glee Club of the S.M.U. chapter led the group in singing Phi songs which every one enthusiastically joined in singing.

The congratulations for arranging the most successful Phi banquet in the history of the Southwest belong to Al Dealey, Texas '37. He was ably assisted by Ben Decherd, Texas '36, who managed all the financial matters. The fine program was arranged by Ralph Nimmons, Florida '28.

Any Phi who has moved to Dallas within the past five years is urged to get in touch with our alumni club president so that his name can be added to our membership rolls. We are preparing a roster of all the Phis in Dallas and hope to have this published as soon as possible.—JAMES M. COLLINS, Secretary.

#### FORT WAYNE

The annual Founders Day banquet of the Fort Wayne Alumni Club was held Friday evening March 30 at the Hotel Keenan, this date having been selected in order that the gathering might be honored by the presence of Brother Paul C. Beam, Executive Secretary. Approximately thirty Phis were in attendance and enjoyed an excellent dinner. A short business meeting was called to order by the President, Brother McMahon, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Alan R. Chambers, President; R. J. Beck, Vice-President; Dale Redding, Treasurer; and J. H. Wright, Secretary. After a general discussion of activities of the club it was decided to hold another rushing party this spring similar to the one held on June 16, last. In an informal address, Brother Beam traced the progress being made by both active chapters and alumni clubs of the Fraternity and gave many interesting and stirring facts showing the high rating of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  in various parts of the country. Brother Beam then discussed the aims and hopes of our Founders and gave interesting historical facts regarding the founding of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . A congratulatory telegram received from Brother Dean Hoffman, Alumni Commissioner, was read by Brother M. A. Cook, retiring secretary.—J. H. WRIGHT, Secretary.

#### FORT WORTH

The Fort Worth Club accepted the generous invitation of the Dallas Club to be its guest. We met at the home of Brother Beers before setting out for



AT THE FOX RIVER FOUNDERS DAY  
Dr. Albert A. Trevor, Lawrence '96, receives  
a testimonial

Dallas. About one-fourth of the Fort Worth Club made the trip. We were most heartily received and most royally treated. We particularly enjoyed the fine singing of the choristers of the Texas Delta chapter of Southern Methodist University.

The entire assembly was very proud of the most excellent record of achievement as reported by the respective presidents of Texas Beta, Texas Gamma, and Texas Delta. These reports certainly should prove to the skeptics and the critics that fraternities are worth while.—F. W. HOGAN, *Secretary*.

#### FOX RIVER VALLEY

ABOUT eighty members of the Fox River Valley Alumni Club commemorated Founders Day at a banquet March 26. Highlighting the affair was the presentation of a testimonial to Dr. A. A. Trever in recognition of his years of work on behalf of the Lawrence College chapter, first as  $\Phi\Theta\Phi$ , and since 1934 as Wisconsin Beta of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . Dr. Trever's affiliation dates back forty years, covering his long period of service as professor of ancient and European history at Lawrence. His untiring efforts toward the building up of a first-rate chapter culminated last year in Wisconsin Beta's winning of the Cleveland Trophy. The gift, in the form of a beautifully illuminated testimonial, was presented to Dr. Trever by George Banta, Jr., P.P.G.C., who also served as toastmaster at the banquet.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Edward E. Ruby, editor of the SCROLL and the *Palladium*. Brother Ruby spoke briefly but inspiringly on the alumnus' place in the Fraternity. Donald M. DuShane, dean of students at Lawrence, had spoken previously, directing his message primarily to the undergraduates.

Official presentation of the Cleveland Trophy was made by J. H. Wilterding, president of Lambda Province, and the chapter scholarships, awarded annually by the Alumni Club, were presented to Ben Ewers, '43; Richard Calkins, '48; and Robert Noonan, '40. Chapter President Joseph Morton introduced initiates, commenting on each briefly. Alumni also enjoyed watching John F. Owen, treasurer of the old Theta Phi Corporation, preside at the burning of the mortgage on the chapter house. Throughout the evening, alumni were entertained by the beautiful a cappella singing of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  songs by the undergraduates. It is hoped that Phi from all parts of the country will have an opportunity to hear this outstanding choral work by Wisconsin Beta members at the Minneapolis convention.

Following the program, plans for the new Lawrence fraternity quadrangle were exhibited by President Thomas N. Barrows and Dean John S. Mills, who were guests of the Fraternity at the banquet.—HAYWARD S. BIGGERS, *Secretary*.

#### HARRISBURG

THE Alumni Club of Harrisburg, together with its guests, met on March 7, 1940, at the Colonial Country Club, Harrisburg, to honor the memory of the fathers of the Fraternity. That the annual banquet this year was a fitting tribute was evidenced by the fact that approximately 125 brothers and Phikeias from nearby alumni and active hodies gathered to make the 1940 affair the biggest in the history of the club.

The evening opened with the invocation by the Rt. Rev. Wyatt Brown, Bishop of Harrisburg, after which Rev. J. Ressler Shultz conducted the candlelighting ceremony in tribute to the founders of the Fraternity. One of the highlights of the evening was the

presentation of Golden Legion certificates to three men who have served the Fraternity for fifty years. This honor was bestowed upon Dr. A. S. Fasick, *Dickinson '92*, initiated September 21, 1888; Rev. J. W. Glover, *Dickinson '92*, initiated September 28, 1888; and Dr. H. E. Gettler, *Gettysburg '93*, initiated February 9, 1889.

Professor C. L. Swift, Dickinson College, delivered the principal speech of the evening, a highly amusing but meaningful dissertation on "Something I'm Learning from Other Men's Sons." After this, motion pictures of recent conventions and of different undergraduate chapters were shown, and then Brother Dean Hoffman introduced the Hon. O. J. Tallman, member of the General Council, who spoke briefly on the Fraternity and its ideals. The Atlantic Refining Company's sound pictures of the outstanding plays and games of the past football season served as an appropriate conclusion to a fine evening's entertainment.

The only routine business carried out during the evening was the election of new officers to serve for the ensuing year. These new officers are: President, George H. Wolford; First Vice-President, Edward C. First, Jr.; Second Vice-President, J. Calvin Frank; Secretary-Treasurer, Donald J. Wolford; Reporter, Charles R. Seeley, Jr.

The weekly luncheons of the Harrisburg Club are still held at the University Club, 7 N. Front St., every Tuesday noon, and a standing invitation is extended to all Phis in the vicinity to attend.—CHARLES R. SEELEY, JR., *Reporter*.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

MARCH 9 recorded the largest and most enthusiastic assembly of Phi in the long history of the Fraternity in Indiana, traditionally the center of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  population. Founders Day in Indianapolis is always more than a local celebration; it is made the occasion for the seven active chapters and their alumni throughout the State to foregather to review past achievements and plan greater for the future. More than 500 Phi turned out this year for the banquet at the Columbia Club. Note this fact: there are 338 active Phis in the seven Indiana chapters; all but three of them were present at the banquet. Five of the seven chapters had every member present.

William P. Evans, *DePauw '07*, presided as toastmaster. A conspicuous feature of the program was the singing of Fraternity songs and songs of the several colleges. Several of the notables were called upon for impromptu remarks, and these were brief and pithy. The annual scholarship award was made to the Purdue chapter.

The speaker of the evening was Will H. Hays, *Wabash '00*, P.P.G.C., president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. His address and a musical number by the DePauw chapter, were broadcast over WFBS. Brother Hays said in part:

"Primarily meeting to honor the Founders of the great Fraternity of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , we pay tribute to the significance with which this organization has endowed the word 'fraternity.' Fortunate, indeed, is that boy who, leaving his first fraternity—the fraternity of home and those intangible personal relationships which transcend friendship—has found this spot, the spot where tradition has established bonds more nearly kindred to home than are found elsewhere in life.

"Broadly speaking, fraternity means common interest, mutual regard, common cause, one faith. It means a social conscience which goes beyond life and let live, to live and help live; no fraternity has

fulfilled its function unless it has instilled in its members their responsibilities to larger groups and, even more important, co-operative enterprises, taught them the basic values and fostered within them the ambition not merely to receive much from, but to give something to, others and to their country.



WILL H. HAYS, *Wabash '00*

"As fraternity men, in the larger sense, we work for the good of the human family. The most important thing in life is to see that better men come after us. Here is the tremendous importance of the right relationship between father and son. Every father knows that he can only go part of the way with his boy; poignantly, he wishes he could give him more to help him on his way. Yet, rich or poor, each father leaves his son the same legacy—the world to run if he is man enough to do it. It is no trite observation at any time, and certainly not today, to note that it is in the youth, in those who come after us, that the still unwritten history of this country lies. In their hands is the future of the broader brotherhood of man, the future of the world. To prepare or help prepare them for that task is the prime duty.

"It is with our assets and not our liabilities that we must build ever higher standards of living, better opportunities for our people, greater plenty to share, and the greater reserves which human security will require. There are no Christopher Columbuses among the prophets of gloom. Admitting all of our problems, we are not to become the victims of that strange astigmatism that considers every stop as the end of the road. A stop is the beginning of a step. We can and will meet the challenge, for today is a challenge, to the best of the brain, the heart, and the hand of America.

"The fact is that our richest, our indestructible asset is not the raw material resources, it is not the gold in the hills, it is the iron in the hearts of the people. I refer to our national heritage, the American spirit. I say it lives today as it did in the days of our fathers.

"And, as one Hoosier whose course has caused him to go about, I bring to my fellow-Hoosiers a report that all will be well with the Republic."

#### JACKSONVILLE

We celebrated Founders Day with a good representative group at a luncheon gathering on Thursday, March 21. Harold Trammell, *Florida '37*, the immediate past president of the local Alumni Club, gave a very interesting talk on the chosen subject of the occasion, "Alumni Responsibility for the Preservation of the Fraternity's Ideals." Bill Stark, *Florida '36*, gave a very good account of the celebration of Founders Day held at the new house at the University of Florida, on March 14. Several of the local brothers attended this celebration, and were very much impressed with the fine work being accomplished by Florida Alpha. Reverend Malcomb Lockhart made a very inspiring talk on the activities in the beginning by the Founders of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ .

We were all very much disappointed that the occasion lacked the presence of any brothers eligible for the Golden Legion award.—RICHARD K. WURTS, *President*.

#### KANSAS CITY

On Tuesday, March 19, the Kansas City Alumni Club honored the Founders at a dinner given at the Hotel President. The entire top floor was reserved for a record attendance of approximately 125 members.

George Banta, Jr., of Menasha, Wis., was the principal speaker. Brother Banta remarked on the great store of character possessed by the Founders, and the heritage enjoyed by the Fraternity because of this strength. The Fraternity is peculiarly fortunate, he said, in having its great ideals embodied in the Bond. Brother Banta complimented the club on its sustained interest in Fraternity matters and made the point that because of lack of continuity of personnel in undergraduate chapters, the continued success of those chapters depended in a large measure on active alumni support.

Edward A. Enright, *Vermont '79*, had the distinction of being the oldest member at the dinner. Others introduced were J. R. Dominick, *Mississippi '84*, and Clarence Capell, *Iowa '96*. Caleb Ritter, *Indiana '76*, was not able to attend because of illness, but sent his best wishes.

Reports on the state of affairs in Missouri Alpha and Kansas Alpha were made by the active members of those chapters. As those giving the reports mentioned the favorable things and members of the audience shouted questions in regard to things not so favorable, it is felt that a comprehensive picture of undergraduate activity was presented. The reports were satisfactory in every way. At the end of the meeting, after President Spencer and those who have assisted him in the past year were given a rising vote of thanks for their assistance, the meeting proceeded to an election of officers. The following officers were elected: President, Henley Blair; First Vice-President, Harry Darby; Second Vice-President, Dwight Brantley; Treasurer, John T. Ready; and MENEFE D. BLACKWELL, *Secretary*.

#### MADISON

On March 20, the members of the Wisconsin Alpha chapter and Madison alumni celebrated Founders Day with a banquet at the chapter house. Brother Mangold was the head of a committee of active members in planning a program for the occasion.

The chapter took this celebration as an opportunity to show their appreciation to Brother Randolph Conners, '25, for his work the last ten years as chapter

adviser. President DeWitt thanked him for his interest, time, and work in Wisconsin Alpha and presented him with a gift in recognition of outstanding work for his Fraternity. Brother Conners thanked the chapter and expressed the hope that he would be able to continue to serve the chapter in a satisfactory manner.

For the main speaker of the evening, we were fortunate in obtaining Judge Carroll from Minneapolis, former Province president. He praised Brother Conners for his aid to the active chapter and for his co-operation with the General Fraternity. His message told three fundamental qualities an individual needs for success, and how membership in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  aids a boy in attaining these necessities. The three legs to the stool of success, as put forth by Judge Carroll, are: first, honesty; second, even temper; third, ability to see two sides of each question.

Many prominent men from the city and vicinity were present at the dinner to honor Brother Conners, to listen to Judge Carroll, and to pause in memory of the Founders of our great Fraternity.—RALPH GOODING.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

The Mansfield Alumni Club had the distinct pleasure of hearing Fred J. Milligan, Columbus, Ohio, attorney, at the annual Founders Day banquet which was held at Schwarz Tavern, Lexington Ave. Road, March 29, 1940.

After a most excellent dinner, Brother Milligan, who is a past province president, outlined for the club the objectives and advantages of organizing our alumni. He also pointed out the many services and constructive work that can be done by such a group. In closing, Brother Milligan touched upon the high type of personality which occupies our General Council; the Council having just held its meeting in Columbus, Ohio, the week before. A brief discussion followed this most enlightening speech, and we were all brought up to date as to the state of the Fraternity.

Paul Tappan, Case '09, President of the Tappan Stove Co., Mansfield, provided us with some unusual entertainment by showing movies of an extended South Sea Island Cruise which he and Mrs. Tappan took last year. These movies were in color for the most part, and the unique manner in which Brother Tappan added his comments as the pictures were shown made this part of the program most entertaining.

A short business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected for the new year: Nelson E. White, President; Edwin K. Bacon, Vice-President; and Perry Cook, Secretary and Treasurer.—F. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.



FATHERS AND SONS AT KANSAS CITY

Left to right: Lacy C. Haynes, Centre '09, and Lacy C. Haynes, Jr., Kansas '43; Robert S. Beachy, Jr., Missouri '33, and Robert S. Beachy, Gettysburg '03

#### MEMPHIS

SOME seventy brothers from Memphis and surrounding territory gathered around the banquet table at Hotel Claridge on April 6 to pay tribute to the founding of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Gathered with the alumni broth-



AT THE KANSAS CITY DINNER

Byron Spencer, Missouri, '15, Pres.; P.P.G.C. Geo Banta, Jr., speaker; J. T. Ready, Westminster '10, Treas. Standing, presidents of Missouri and Kansas Alpha

ers of Memphis were twenty actives of the Mississippi Alpha chapter located at the University of Mississippi, some seventy miles below the city.

Bill Bailey, Mississippi '14, president of the Memphis club, cleverly handled the duties of toastmaster and began the program by calling on the Mississippi actives for that rousing Fraternity song "Phi Delta Theta for Aye." The boys responded with good enthusiasm and soon the alumni too were humming and singing away, engrossed in the memories of their college days. With the refreshments and Fraternity spirit it was a lively party and the speeches had to be good and short to keep pace with the temper of the occasion.

Right from the start the brothers were reminded of their duties as alumni when the toastmaster called on one of the youngest members of the club, Bill Mounger, Mississippi '38, who in turn presented to Walter E. Miller, Ohio Wesleyan '87, the certificate of his membership in the Golden Legion of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother Miller, for fifty years a school man and now principal of the Snowden Junior High School of Memphis, was up to the occasion and gave some timely remarks. To the minds of those in attendance it was made known that Brother Miller, now a Phi for fifty-five years, not only regularly attended alumni meetings but was on hand each fall for the club's annual rush functions. His experience with the youth of Memphis has been a great help in the rushing activities of the club.

The illness of Billy Wynn, Mississippi '11, of Greenville, Miss., slated as principal speaker, was a disappointment; but Lovick Miles, Virginia '98, Memphis attorney and chairman of the Memphis Community Fund, presented an able substitute in the person of Earle King, Emory '06, also a distinguished member of the Memphis bar.

Up from the Mississippi delta came Kenneth Haxton, Mississippi '14, of Greenville, and Tom Trotter Ross, Mississippi '27, of Clarksdale, who is president

of the "All-Delta Alumni Club," along with a number of other enthusiastic Mississippi brothers.

The banquet was under the direction of J. Hunter Phillips, *Sewanee '22*, who with his committee arranged details so that the brothers not only had access to the music of the ballroom during the dinner but afterwards enjoyed dancing and further celebration.

From Dean Hoffman, Alumni Commissioner, Prentiss Cooper, Governor of Tennessee, Bob Somerville, president of Theta province, Billy Wynn, scheduled speaker of the evening, and many others came wires and letters of greetings that added to a great gathering of Mid-South Phis.—E. S. BLACKSTONE, *Secretary*.

#### MILWAUKEE

WITH approximately fifty Phis in attendance, despite extremely adverse weather conditions, the Founders Day dinner of the Milwaukee Alumni Club was held on March 15 at the Hotel Medford. Details of the affair were handled by Carl Moebius, *Wisconsin '34*, secretary of the Club, assisted by Dr. John J. Wright, *Wisconsin '94*, John J. Ryan, *Dartmouth '11*, and several others of the local alumni group.

Chairman for the evening was Frank Lennox, *Northwestern '34*. John H. Wilterding, *Lawrence '23*, president of Lambda Province, was present and gave an interesting talk on "The State of the Fraternity," after which a general round-table discussion of questions and answers was held.

Movies of the professional championship game between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants, which was held in Milwaukee last fall, were shown by Oliver Kuechle, of the *Milwaukee Journal*, who also showed some reels of other highlights in the 1939 college football season gleaned from newsreels taken at the various big games of the year.

The balance of the evening was filled in with bridge, bull sessions, and general fraternity gossip, making the affair a success in every way.—CARL MOEBIUS.

#### MINNEAPOLIS

THURSDAY evening, April 4, Minneapolis alumni held their fifty-eighth annual banquet, celebrating the ninety-first birthday of the founding of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . Under the guiding hand of Cliff Sommer, banquet chairman, the 1940 convention spirit brought forth 138 Phis, the largest attendance in the fifty-eight years of Founders Day banquets.

Reverend Gerald Watkins gave the invocation, and

Clarence Gibson, former president of the Minneapolis Alumni Club, took over the program as toastmaster with his usual finesse, developed from years of experience, and bolstered by a seemingly endless supply of new stories. Brother Gibson also presented Golden Legion certificates to Brothers William Cruikshank, Duluth, *Miami '91*, and Thomas Fulton, St. Paul, *Cornell '93*.

The active chapter of Minnesota Alpha contributed their traditional part of the program when Stanley Dripps, *Minnesota '41*, as president of the active chapter, presented a summary of the year, which found Minnesota Alpha at the top of University of Minnesota fraternities in scholarship, intramural and varsity sports, and campus activities.

Dan Elmer, *Minnesota '38*, presented to Sheridan McCarthy the plaque which the Minneapolis Alumni Club presents each year to the active chapter member showing the finest spirit and sportsmanship in University athletics.

A slight variation in honor of the Chapter Grand was introduced when Paul Carroll spoke briefly in memory of the late Brothers B. V. Moore and H. C. Kneffer, two of Minneapolis' most loyal and active Phis, who have left a large gap, not only here, but throughout the  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  and fraternity world.

The committee in charge decided on a new procedure which eliminated any out of town speaker and called in a prominent local Phi for a short talk. Alan Briggs, *Wisconsin '14*, St. Paul attorney and State Commander of the V.F.W., was the principal speaker with some well-timed remarks on why America should not be involved in the present war. With Brother Briggs' practical knowledge of the subject and effective powers of speech we were left with a message not soon to be forgotten.

The greatest interest of the evening was reached when Brother Ed Neal, local chairman for the 1940 Convention, gave a short report on the preliminary plans for the Convention. From the plans he outlined, the 1940 convention should be one of the best, and his response indicated a strong and enthusiastic support among local Phis as shown when 65 Phis in attendance at the banquet signed advance registration blanks.—MARSHALL B. TAFT, *Secretary*.

#### MINOT

ELEVEN Phis, small in number, but great in their enthusiasm for the Brotherhood, met together for the first Founders Day dinner in this section, where



PART OF THE GUESTS AT NEW YORK FOUNDERS DAY DINNER

distances are great and the brothers are widely scattered. The evening was spent in reminiscence, and discussion of matters pertaining to the Fraternity as well as to the pressing problems of our national life. Every man present felt that it had been a delightful occasion, and every man left with a deeper sense of the value of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  as an instrument for the effective training of young Americans.—R. A. NESTOS.

#### NEW YORK

THE New York Founders Day dinner for 1940 was slightly smaller than the attendance which came to enjoy the supper variety shows of the past three years, but it made up in  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  spirit several times over for any falling short as an extravaganza. Phil Barbour, President of the New York Club, promised that he would have an all-star line up of Phi speakers, and that every loyal Phi with the capacity for enjoying himself in the company of his brothers would be given the opportunity to do so. Brother Barbour and his committee made good on both promises generously.

The speakers did not attempt marathon performances. Each man had something to say and, since every man who talked is a Phi of the more enthusiastic stamp, the program was of the type which greatly stimulates pride in the Fraternity. The two general speakers were Judge Robert P. Patterson, *Union* '12, Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and Paul F. Cadman, *Sewanee and California* '15, Economic Adviser to the American Bankers Association. Representing the general organization of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  were: John B. Ballou, *Wooster and Ohio State* '97, P.G.C., Dean M. Hoffman, *Dickinson* '02, Alumni Commissioner; and Paul C. Beam, *Indiana and Illinois* '25, Executive Secretary. Oscar W. Ehrhorn, *Columbia* '98, was toastmaster and Brother Barbour welcomed all of our distinguished out-of-towners including James E. Davidson, *Hillsdale* '87, Chairman of the Palmer Endowment Fund, who always makes the trip from Bay City, Mich., to New York for the Founders Day dinner. Charles G. Bond, *Ohio State* '99, later in the program responded for the entire membership of the New York Club in thanking Brother Barbour for the successful year.

These men who have been willing to spend heavily in time and energy as Presidents of the Club in the past several years have been responsible for its success. They are Robert A. Gantt, *Nebraska* '09, Barrett Herrick, *Washington* '15, and Phillips T. Barbour, *Centre* '04. They represent the Midlands, the Pacific Northwest, and the South respectively. All three have had what it takes in New York not only to succeed in business but to rally their brother Phis again around the standard of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  which they have proved can mean as much to alumni in New York or any other large city as it does to undergraduates in the colleges.

The New York Club's good fortune in leadership carries on. And this time it is New England which gives us our leader. He is a Past President of the General Council, 1929-30, a distinguished attorney, chairman of the Founders Day dinner committee in 1939, and one of the most loyal and capable men in our entire national membership. Yes, Henry K. Urion, *Dartmouth* '12, is the new president in New York. Brother Phil Barbour has agreed to continue to arrange the programs of the monthly dinners in which he was particularly interested and notably successful, and Brother Barrett Herrick is, as usual, more than on the job and has agreed to put on one of those Herrick-directed dinners in May.

Brother Gantt is serving his company in Rumania where he has direct supervision of the telephone system of that country and also the communication manufacturing interests of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, of which he is vice-president. A message from Brother Gantt read at the Founders Day dinner was cheered for several minutes.

Other officers elected to assist Brother Urion with the further rise of the Club in New York are: Chairman of the Board of Governors, Isaac F. Harris, *North Carolina* '00; Vice-Presidents, Matthew M. Campbell, *Vanderbilt* '18; Phillip M. McCullough, *Nebraska* '17, and J. Donald Kieffer, *Maryland* '30; Treasurer, Frederick L. Chapman, *Williams* '18; Secretary, Donald C. Hays, *Colorado* '32; Assistant Treasurer, William F. Mack, *Columbia* '10; Assistant Secretary, Henry A. Hopkins, *Georgia* '35; Historian, Henry K. Ruchmeyer, *Union* '32, and Reporter, Edward W. Goode, *Colgate* '26.

The New York Club will have another big outing in one of the two last weekends in June at Buckwood Inn in the Pocomos. Douglas K. Porteous, *Tulane* '23, is Chairman of this Committee, which means that it will be quite a weekend.—EDWARD W. GOODE, Reporter.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

"THE fraternity system has a definite mission and it is doing a pretty good job today in filling it," George Banta, Jr., *Wabash* '14, P.P.G.C., said in an address at the Oklahoma City Alumni Club's annual Founders Day banquet March 17. The banquet, held at the Oklahoma Club, was attended by 126 Phis, including the entire membership of Oklahoma Alpha chapter at the University of Oklahoma.

Brother Banta outlined the major changes which have taken place in the fraternity system since  $\Phi\beta\kappa$  was founded in 1776. In explaining the work done by the National Interfraternity Conference, he pointed especially to the progress made in breaking down a feeling of rivalry which once existed among the various Greek-letter organizations. Other important developments, he said, were the promotion of closer harmony between fraternities and college administrators and the raising of fraternity grade averages above those of non-fraternity men. "The whole program has been helpful," Banta said, "and I'm sure that a lot of good will come out of it." He told of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ 's part in the program and recalled numerous records of achievement, including the fact  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  has more Rhodes scholars than any other fraternity. "But," he said, "one of the dangers of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  must face is that they become involved in too much machinery. I think we have avoided it so far and I hope we can continue to do so." He issued a challenge to alumni to become more interested in the Fraternity and its undergraduates. "The fraternity system would die in five years if there was no alumni interest," Banta said. In beginning his address Banta congratulated Oklahoma Alpha on its record of placing first in scholarship among all the fraternities at the University of Oklahoma this year. The speaker was introduced by Major Herbert Peck, Oklahoma City, who served as master of ceremonies.

Fred Shields was named President of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club, succeeding Dave Price, in an election at the close of the meeting. Baron Housel was elected Vice-President and Bert B. Barfoot, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Jack Foster, Norman, was elected President of the Oklahoma Alpha Building Association and Bus Harrington, Oklahoma City, was chosen Secretary-Treasurer.



## AT PHILADELPHIA FOUNDERS DAY

Upper: Six Golden Legionnaires; John Ballou in a serious moment; Lower: The Admiral makes a point; Argument at one of the tables

urer. Directors named were Junius Dyche, C. O. Burnside and David Price.—AUSTIN BEALMEAR.

## PHOENIX

THE Phoenix Alumni Club held its annual Founders Day banquet March 15 and had fifty brothers present representing states from coast to coast. The main speaker of the evening, Mr. R. E. Dicus, *Sewanee '34*, gave a very fine address upon "Democracy as Associated with Fraternities." Plans were made for the spring and summer rush season in co-ordination with the Arizona Alpha chapter who sent several members to the banquet. The meeting closed with the election of officers for the coming year. Dr. M. H. Meade, *Missouri '25*, aptly swore in Ted Riggins, *Arizona '36*, as President; Herb E. Hodgson, *Wisconsin '17*, as Vice-President; and Lynn Hawkins, *Arizona '39*, as Secretary-Treasurer.—E. LYNN HAWKINS, Secretary.

## PHILADELPHIA

THE hospitable quarters of Philadelphia's Middyay Club, atop the Fidelity-Philadelphia Building, were open to local Phis for their annual Founders Day banquet on March 16, 1940. Once safely past the uncompromising Stolpe, who presided at the portal, celebrants found themselves engulfed in a wave of geniality that swept the clubrooms. Promptly at 6:15, as announced, a large number of those assembled interrupted their gaiety to take advantage of a new feature of the annual affair, a reading of the Bond. With all due solemnity and impressiveness, Jim Schultz intoned the phrases while all who listened re-lived the days of their initiation ceremonies.

To the irresistible strains of Christy's accordion, the assembled host marched into the spacious dining room, where President Walt Whetstone escorted to the speakers' table our honored guests, Mr. E. A. Crenshaw, Jr. (guest of Admiral Cluverius), John Ballou, P.G.C., Rear Admiral Wat T. Cluverius, Reporter of the G.C., and Dr. D. Vittorini, Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Pennsylvania. At the speakers' table as escort to these guests were President Kolbe of Drexel Institute, Rollin C. Bortle, Robert William Baily, and Walt Whetstone presiding. The Phis assembled at tables arranged by chapters, and remained standing while Walt Whetstone offered the invocation and led the group in singing "1848."

President John Ballou then responded with a witty speech in which he paid tribute to Admiral Cluverius, then went on to tell of his recent observations while visiting undergraduate and alumni chapters.

Claude Marriott outlined the history of the "Golden Legion" custom by way of introduction, then presented eight local Phis as candidates for the "degree." Brother Ballou presented the certificates honoring these Phis of fifty years in the Bond, who made appropriate and interesting acknowledgments. The Golden Legionnaires so honored are: Frank Penrose Croft, *Pennsylvania '93*, initiated September 25, 1889; Dr. Edward Adams Shumway, *Pennsylvania '91*, initiated September 25, 1889; Rev. Thomas Hart Evans, *Dickinson '93*, initiated October 4, 1889; Edwin Stauffer Gault, *Pennsylvania '92*, initiated October 8, 1889; Harrison Wainwright Latta, *Pennsylvania '90*, initiated October 8, 1889; James Clark Moore, Jr., P.P.G.C., *Pennsylvania '93*, initiated February 15,

1890; Henry Paul Busch, *Pennsylvania '93*, initiated March 7, 1890; John Ervin Gensemer, *Pennsylvania '93*, initiated Wooster, May 10, 1890, affiliated *Pennsylvania 1893*. Of these eight, two were unable to attend and their certificates will be delivered by a representative of the local alumni chapter. Among those who witnessed this ceremony were five of the Legionnaires of last year: Gilbert A. Harvey, *Lafayette '91*; John C. Hinkson, *Lafayette '91*; Dr. George F. Levan, *Pennsylvania '91*; J. Charles Ziegler, *Pennsylvania '91*; and Alban Evenson, *Lehigh '91*.

Receiving the gavel from Walt Whetstone, Bill Baily assumed charge of the program for the banquet committee, introducing as speaker Dr. Dominico Vittorini, Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Pennsylvania, who addressed the assembly on recent European history and current developments in the remaking of Europe. Following a masterful assembling and correlating of significant facts, Dr. Vittorini emphasized the realities of nations, races, religions, and growth, closing with a reference to the Love that binds us all.

Rear Admiral Wat T. Cluverius, Reporter of the General Council, then addressed his brother Phi, assuring them that he was finding his new work no honorary job. He drew lessons from Dr. Vittorini's discussions, closing with the quotation from Jefferson: "Those who enjoy the rights and privileges of our citizenship must be prepared to preserve them."

Assuming the Chair, President Whetstone thanked the Banquet Committee and asked for the report of the Nominating Committee, who presented the following ticket: President, Dr. H. H. Farber, *Pennsylvania '21*; Vice-President, Ernest F. Stolpe, *Penn State '23*; Secretary, Ralph W. Collie, *Wisconsin '06*; Treasurer, Herbert S. Havens, *Williams '15*; Reporter, George T. Street, Jr., *Denison '18*; Convention Delegate, R. William Baily, *Wisconsin '07*; Alternate Delegate, Rollin C. Bortle, *Pennsylvania '05*; Directors, W. W. Whetstone, *Penn State '15*; Boardman Hopper, *Penn State '11*; Samuel Kirkland, *Columbia '20*; Frank Hardt, *Pennsylvania '01*; Richard Slocum, *Swarthmore '22*; William R. Main, *Allegheny '07*. As there was no opposition to the ticket as presented, the above-named were elected by acclamation and will serve for the current year.—GEORGE I. STREET, JR., Reporter.

#### PITTSBURGH

ON Saturday, March 30, the Pittsburgh Alumni Club, for the fifty-third year, held a Founders Day banquet. The usually large representation of active chapter members from Pitt, West Virginia, W. and J., and Allegheny was reduced to twenty because of spring vacations, but a good crowd of eighty-eight alumni attended. Colonel William A. Ganoë, *Dickinson '08*, climaxed a banner meeting with a timely and in-

tensely interesting address on "Threads of Fraternity."

The Colonel is Chief of Staff of the 99th Division, U. S. Army Reserves. He was introduced by the Judge Advocate of his division, Joseph W. Langfitt, Jr., *W. and J. '11*, who holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Through his teaching and writing, Brother Ganoë has earned recognition as the foremost authority on United States military history, but military history happens to be only a part of the historical field through which he has marched. To the fascination of his audience, he pointed out the landmarks in the development of the idea of fraternity. He concluded with some very pertinent observations on the place of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in a society in which the spirit of fraternity is meeting strong opposition. Not the least interesting features of his talk were the stories that illuminated it.

The trophy, awarded annually to the chapter with the best scholarship record in the province, this year went to Pennsylvania Delta at Allegheny.

Dr. William Robertson Farmer, *W. and J. '92*, who is Professor of Practical Theology at Western Theological Seminary, was presented with a Golden Legion certificate by Province President Harbaugh Miller, *Pitt '23*. With Dr. Farmer was Samuel H. McKee, *Monmouth '72*, who has been an active Phi for seventy-two years.

One whose picture should appear among the dignitaries is Dr. J. Clyde Markel, *Gettysburg '00*, who is missing because he was the photographer. For the past twenty-six years he has kept attendance records of the club's weekly luncheons, and a highlight of the evening was his always interesting report. During the past twenty-six years there have been 1343 luncheons with a total attendance of 24,630, an average of over 18 each luncheon. Of the 1343 luncheons, Dr. Markel has attended 1214 and R. W. Lindsay, *W. and J. '02*, 955. Last year there were 52 luncheons, a total attendance of 1004 (an average of 20), with 87 different members of the club attending.

President George G. Waters, *Illinois '19*, paid well-deserved tribute to Brother Lindsay, perennial secretary-treasurer, who, more than any other person, has been for many years responsible for the club's success.—SANFORD CORCORAN, Reporter.

#### PORTLAND

THE Founders Day banquet was a tremendous success. The attendance, which exceeded that of any previous year, certainly bore testimony to the increasingly active interest of the alumni in Portland. Brother George E. Housser of Vancouver, B.C., and Brother Charles Gaches of the General Council were there. Also a delegation from Washington Alpha, Washington Beta, Oregon Alpha, and Oregon Beta attended.



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Only a part of the notables



PORTLAND ASSEMBLES FOR FOUNDERS DAY

The Wallace B. McCamant trophy was presented to the Washington Beta group from Whitman College in the song contest. They certainly did a wonderful job of singing, but though they won, the other chapters gave them stiff competition.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee for Nomination, the following officers were elected: Franz E. Wagner, President; Edward E. Ruby, Jr., Vice-President; Charles L. Stidd, Secretary; Russell Stearns, Treasurer; and Miles Standish, Chaplain.

Two Golden Legion Certificates were presented, in absentia, to Brother William C. Harding, *Wabash '87*, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Roseburg, Ore., and to Brother Jefferson H. Irish, *Michigan State '82*, retired attorney, Newport, Ore. Circumstances did not permit either of them to be present, but letters received from them in reply to our invitation were read. We also were favored with a telegram from Brother Dean M. Hoffman, Alumni Commissioner, sending us his good wishes for the occasion.—CHARLES L. STIDD, Secretary.

#### RICHMOND

FOUNDERS DAY was observed March 16 as a joint celebration of the Richmond Alumni Club and the active chapters in Delta Province, which met in Province convention in the afternoon. The banquet was held at Ewart's in the evening. Seventy-two Phis were present, including alumni from Richmond, Bristol, Lexington, Petersburg, Phoebus, Waverly, and Hopewell, and undergraduates from Virginia Beta, Gamma, Delta, and Zeta.

Dr. Clifton M. Miller, *Richmond '90*, presided as toastmaster. The guest speaker was that perpetually young Phi, Richard Henry Little, *Illinois Wesleyan '95*. He took the theme of his toast from the epitaph of a printer on an old tombstone in London: "Like a worm type he has returned to the founder in the hope that he may be recast in a newer and better mould." His was an inspiring  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  message, interlarded with the Dick Little wit and whimsical philosophy.

G. Thomas Taylor presented to the Virginia Delta Chapter a handsome trophy, to be known as the Robert Bryan Harris Memorial Scholarship Plaque, and to be awarded annually to those two members of the Richmond Chapter who respectively attain the highest scholarship and show the greatest measure of improvement in scholarship. The names first to be engraved upon it are Wilbur Skinner, for the most distinguished scholarship and Richard Adams, for the greatest improvement during the term.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. Greer Baughman, *Virginia '95*; First Vice-President, Verne Bickelhaupt, *Wisconsin '11*; Second Vice-President, G. Thomas Taylor, *Richmond '99*; Historian, George E. Booker, *Randolph-Macon '21*; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Roland Galvin, *Richmond '26*; Executive Committee, Lee F. Davis, *Duke '31*; Overton D. Dennis, *Richmond '15*; and Robert H. Morrison, *Gincinnati '11*—W. R. GALVIN, Secretary.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

ON Friday evening, March 1, 150 Phis foregathered in the Sky Lounge of the Clift Hotel in San Francisco for the most successful Founders Day banquet in this community in years.

Eight Golden Legionnaires were honored. Judge James D. Garibaldi, *Stanford '25*, speaker of the evening and the youngest Judge on our State Bench, delivered a stirring address pointing to the great National achievements of many of our famous brothers through the years, and emphasizing that, in politics and out, never in all our national history, was there a greater opportunity for young men with brains and determination to win high place than there is today.

Under the inspired generalship of Toastmaster Byron Bryant humorous short speeches by alumni officers and active chapter presidents, songs and stunts by the undergraduates, and special entertainment directed by Brothers Moore and Knorp, brought the evening to a hilarious conclusion somewhere in the wee sma's hours.

April 12 was the date this year when Artist Brother John Garth opened his studio doors to the actives and alumni of Northern California. Some fifty worthy brothers forgot their troubles in an evening of general Bohemian good fellowship. After much feasting and impromptu hilarity, a spicy spot of surprise entertainment brought the occasion to a colorful conclusion, although many brothers lingered around the piano to sing the good old songs till the first blush of dawn tinted the sky.—JOHN GARTH, Secretary.

#### SEATTLE

WITH close to three hundred Phis from the Pacific Northwest in attendance we celebrated Founders Day Friday, March 29. To start off the evening a social hour was held in the junior ballroom of the Olympic Hotel. Center Case, *Washington '36*, and his swing band put the brothers in the right frame of mind to enjoy themselves. Gathering in groups small and large they renewed old friendships and relived their



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active days all over again, with many a tall one being related.

The Toastmaster introduced the presidents from all of the northwest chapters, including British Columbia Alpha, Oregon Alpha, Oregon Beta, Washington Alpha, Washington Beta, and Washington Gamma. Each president gave a short résumé of his chapter's activities for the past year. Chuck Garrett, president of Washington Alpha, welcomed the out-of-town visitors. Brother Charles Gaches, of the General Council, was presented and gave a few well-chosen remarks. Brother George Houser, president of Pi Province, gave the brothers some idea of how important it is to have good chapter advisers and gave special praise to Ray Gardner for his work with Washington Alpha.

The address of the evening was given by Stephen Chadwick, Past Commander of the American Legion. Concerning World War II he urged that we mind our own affairs and let Europe mind hers. It was evident from the applause that the brothers were pretty much in sympathy with his ideas and thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

The banquet was brought to a close with the election of officers for the coming year. Unanimously elected were Malcolm Goodfellow, President; Boyd Stuht, Vice-President; Robert Squires, Secretary; Howard Ellis, Treasurer; and Val Cameron, Executive Secretary and Reporter.

Immediately following the dinner the brothers adjourned to the junior ballroom and were treated to some very fine entertainment furnished by Art Gerbel and Boyd Stuht, both of whom are prominent figures at the KOMO-KJR broadcasting studios.

Group singing was thoroughly enjoyed by a large body of the brothers.—VAL CAMERON, Reporter.

#### SCRANTON

THE Alumni Club of Scranton, Pa., now meets the first Monday of each month at 12:30 P.M. at the Scranton Club, corner Mulberry and N. Washington Ave. The newly elected Secretary is Frank C. Wenzel, 148 Adams Ave., Scranton.

A new and complete list of all brothers living in and about Scranton has been compiled and we are making every effort to increase the attendance at these meetings.—FRANK C. WENZEL, Secretary.

#### TOLEDO

FOUNDERS DAY held on March 4 at the Toledo Club will be one long to be remembered, as we had as our special guest, President John B. Ballou, who gave us a very interesting talk on  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . He renewed acquaintance with a great many of the older members of the Alumni Club with whom he founded the Toledo Alumni Club in 1900. The Gardner boys of Pennsylvania, Eversman of Michigan Alpha, and Dowd of Ohio Zeta were especially happy to renew old acquaintance with him. Golden Legionnaire John R. Calder, *Wooster '85*, was present and talked with Brother John about the old chapter. Some thirty-five alumni members were present.

The following day Brother Smith of Allegheny and the Secretary accompanied President Ballou on a visit to Michigan Alpha, over which President Ballou was one time Province President. At noon luncheon President Ballou talked to the active chapter. In the afternoon Brothers Adams and Tobin of Michigan Alpha took us on a sight-seeing trip over the campus.



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On March 10, Brother Smith of Allegheny and the Secretary attended the initiation at Michigan Alpha when twenty-one fine boys were taken into  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . It was a very happy occasion for Brother Smith and Brother Blanchard of Ohio Alpha, whose sons were initiated.—FRED A. HUNT, Secretary.

#### TORONTO

On the evening of Thursday, March 7, the chapter room at 145 Bloor Street West, echoed merry voices that those tried old walls have not heard for long years. Somehow, their seared countenances assumed a benevolent and pleased look as they listened to the old familiar stamping of approval, and, we hope, the somewhat less frequent dead silence of disapproval. Perhaps out of the shadow rose faces, now far distant, reflecting their youthful vigor and enthusiasm. Certain it is, that from many faces present, the aura of greying hair or no hair at all gave way to the thick growth of yesteryears. High blood pressure complexions changed hue and extended waistlines shifted upwards to the lofty chests of varsity status. Without statistics we would hazard the opinion that, pro rata, the alumni of the pre-war years, led by Harry Sprague, No. 6 in the Bond, were better represented than those of the post-war era.

In the unavoidable absence of Brother Carl Weber, President of the Alumni Club, the chair was taken by Brother Roly Harris who presented to the meeting the recommendations of the Committee, together with the premises upon which the recommendations were made. A brief summary follows.

"Most brothers are agreed that it is regrettable that alumni of Ontario Alpha and other Phis in the vicinity of Toronto should not have a more frequent opportunity to enjoy the society of each other, to perform some active service for the Fraternity, and to keep alive the older spirit of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ . Likewise it is desirable that an organization should exist in Toronto, where the majority reside, to keep in touch with out-of-town brothers. So the Committee decided to take steps to revive the Alumni Club.

"The Committee proposed, and the meeting subsequently approved, the following objectives and organization wherewith to give them substance: (1) That our prime purpose is to enjoy the society of each other. Therefore, a meeting should be held twice in the fall and twice in the spring. For each meeting a program should be arranged involving some variety. (2) That the Club would undertake the preparation of an up-to-date address list of alumni, and maintain it. (3) That a news letter would be published periodically, recounting the activities of the Club and its members, and matters of interesting Ontario Alpha. (4) That there should be as close association with Ontario Alpha as is possible. While we realize that there is an age gap between alumni and the active chapter that is not easily bridged and that accentuates difference in views, we should not be critical or attempt to foist our opinion on the active chapter unless the vital survival of the Fraternity is concerned. We can help them in ways such as these: rushing; securing summer jobs for active brothers; securing employment for new alumni brothers upon graduation; promoting dance and banquet attendance; seeing that the house is kept in proper repair. (5) To effect these things a Committee had been formed of a representative of each age group to act in liaison with the active chapter. (6) So that mailing costs would be covered a nominal fee of one dollar would be made."

Discussion followed in which many valuable suggestions were made for further strengthening the

Club. Brother Harris then introduced Harry Ebbs.

Harry Ebbs returned from England in 1938 after establishing a high reputation there in Paediatrics (children's doctoring to you). He now holds a post in the Faculty of Medicine on the staff of the Sick Children's Hospital and carries on private practice in paediatrics. Last summer he was retained by the Hudson's Bay Company to make a survey of nutritional standards of the Company's Arctic posts. He traveled six thousand miles by aeroplane. Luckily for us he took hundreds of colored photographs and complete moving pictures of his journey. So Brother Ebbs took us to the Arctic! For one hour and a quarter we shivered in the cold of the Arctic summer, traveled under the midnight sun, rubbed shoulders with Indians and Eskimos, flew over the barren lands, met post-factors who had not seen a white man for two years. The combination of excellent lantern slides and Brother Ebbs' realistic presentation made us feel as if we were taking this fascinating journey into a land unknown, a Canada completely foreign to us, peopled with Canadians who seemed to step out of an adventure story.

We hope that at some future meeting Brother Ebbs will tell us further of the findings of his trip. Certain it is that he set a difficult standard for his successors to maintain.—J. A. KINGSMILL, Secretary.

#### TULSA

The Tulsa Alumni Club celebrated Founders Day with a banquet on the Roof Garden of the Tulsa Club the evening of March 14. A very representative group was in attendance. William W. Michaels, University of Michigan, was toastmaster, and Judge N. A. Gibson, University of Tennessee, the Dean of our alumni, gave the principal address, ably assisted by Charles T. Klein, University of Michigan, our president.

All the brothers spent a very enjoyable evening renewing old friendships.—J. S. BOTTLE, Secretary.

#### WASHINGTON

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN Phis representing fifty-five different chapters of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  from coast to coast observed Founders Day at the Carlton Hotel on March 14. This was certainly a grand occasion and our attendance the best ever in spite of extremely bad weather. Of course other alumni clubs lead the way in attendance, but we claim the record for chapters represented. Thirty-two active members of Maryland Alpha were present with a good quartet. Maryland Alpha was best represented, but our Utah Alpha group



MILO C. SUMMERS AWARDS GOLDEN LEGION  
Left to right: Milo C. Summers, Lombard '81, Senator Elmer Thomas, DePaul '00; Judge Israel M. Foster, Ohio '95; Senator Tom Connally, Texas '00; Judge D. Lawrence Groner, Washington and Lee '98



THE WASHINGTON FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET

of seven, including A. Harding Paul, made the most noise.

The most interesting event was the presentation of Golden Legion Certificates by Milo C. Summers, *Lombard '31*, the Dean of Phi in this vicinity, to I. M. Foster, *Ohio '95*, one of the finest and most enthusiastic members our great Fraternity can boast of; Marvin McLean, *Southwestern '88*; Rev. Chesteen Smith, *DePauw '93*; D. Lawrence Groner, *Washington and Lee '92*, Chief Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Each of these distinguished Phis responded in admirable fashion.

Our toastmaster, Paul Shorb, *North Dakota '17*, introduced our distinguished members of Congress and Government bureaus. Tom Connally gave an off-the-record speech which convinced everyone present that at least one United States Senator has a sense of humor—if you want to add spark to a banquet and get some real laughs he can do it.

Wellington Barto, *Dartmouth '28*, was chairman of the Dinner Committee and followed the tradition of Dartmouth chairmen to bring out a record crowd. Ed Stafford, *Dartmouth '11*, did it first in 1938. The most popular Phi present was George S. Ward, *Illinois '10*; his good work year after year for the cause of our Fraternity is edifying to see. Dean Hoffman, Alumni Commissioner, represented the General Council. We regard Dean as our best non-resident attendant and look to him for information concerning the progress of  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ .

Succeeding Carl A. Scheid, *Chicago '32*, as President, is Dr. Karl Corley, *Williams '33*. John Gleichman, *Maryland '34*, Vice-President, succeeds David Scrivener, *Maryland '35*, and Everett Flood, *Arizona '28*, continues as Secretary-Treasurer.—CARL A. SCHEID, President.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

On February 10, 1940, twenty-one Phis held a luncheon at the Hotel Windsor, Wheeling, and formed the Ohio Valley Alumni Club. Officers elected were: Dr. C. G. McCoy, *Allegheny '15*, President; Dr. R. A. Ashworth, *West Virginia '12*, Vice-President; A. E. Hennen, Jr., *Penn State '38*, Secretary and Treasurer; and A. V. Wood, *Ohio University '15*, Chairman, Social Committee.

At the Fort Henry Club on March 8, 1940, the Ohio Valley Alumni Club held its first Founders Day banquet. Dr. McCoy presided, and after a fine dinner, Brother A. V. Wood and others delighted the group of twenty-three Phis with tales of their college days. Brother Hennen read a telegram of greeting from Brother Dean Hoffman, David G. Lilly, Jr., *West Virginia '31*, Secretary of the State Association, and Duane Hill, *West Virginia '39*, both of Charleston,

attended.

On March 11, 1940, at the regular luncheon of Charleston Phi at McKee's Cafeteria, Charleston, Founders Day was celebrated. The honor guest, Brother A. V. Evans, who was initiated by Ohio Beta on June 14, 1886, was presented with his Golden Legion certificate. Bishop W. L. Gravatt, *Richmond '87*, another Golden Legionnaire, and twenty-four other Phis attended.

Practically the entire membership of West Virginia Alpha and delegations of Phi from the Ohio Valley Alumni Club and the Bluefield Alumni Club, in addition to Phi from Charleston and other parts of the State, attended the Eighth Annual State Convention of West Virginia Phi, held at the Ruffner Hotel, Charleston, on May 4.

Under the direction of the officers of the State Association, an enlarged program was available for the alumni and undergraduates, and included an informal luncheon at noon, a banquet and ball, following the afternoon business session.—DAVID G. LILLY, Reporter.

#### WINNIPEG

The alumni of Winnipeg and vicinity joined with the Manitoba Alpha undergraduate chapter for the celebration of Founders Day at the Fort Garry Hotel, Friday, March 15. A full account of the meeting will be found in the chapter correspondence of Manitoba Alpha, on page 388 of this issue. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Phi at General Headquarters and at various alumni clubs who so kindly sent us in Winnipeg their hearty greetings and best wishes for a successful Founders Day celebration. I can assure them all that our meeting was a great success and was made so because we realized that, although we are but small in numbers, we are linked through the Bond to one great Fraternity whose ideals are the highest and shall always remain as a great inspiration to every Phi.—NEIL L. BROWN, Secretary.



WINNIPEG PHIS JOIN IN A SONG