

ing depends on health, which in turn can best be kept by participation in sports, I hope a whole host of athletes will develop before the next convention.

Naturally we hear a great deal about the modern girl; and much criticism of her too great freedom, frivolity, etc. It takes close association with a splendid all-round group of girls such as we met at Theta convention to prove conclusively just how glorious this modern girl is. She is independent, thinks for herself, is alert, radiant, original, open-minded, healthy in mind, body and spirit. From her we learn that the modern woman can be young, not necessarily in years, but in her interest in new things and in her spirit which will naturally reflect in her countenance.

Mildred Morgan

INSTALLATIONS

Reflections

An installation is only a little less thrilling than a convention—girls gathering from nearby chapters, officers delightedly greeting each other after months of separation, awed and eager welcoming by the petitioners, packages, flowers, conferences, letter made plans given their final adjustment, and then—four days of heart-warming experiences renewing our own loyalty in the appealingly beautiful ceremonies of our beloved fraternity and feeling thrice blessed in sharing our joy with these chosen ones.

Ohio Wesleyan installation really began for me when I arrived in Columbus and had time for a little visit with Edith Cockins, our Grand treasurer a few years ago. I learned many interesting things about Ohio State university, the splendid institution of which she is Registrar, and about our Alpha Gamma chapter, who later arrived in numbers at Delaware to bear the lion's share of work in the festivities and who more than lived up to a loving and enthusiastic press agenting.

A short train journey brought me to Delaware and to the office of the Dean of women of Ohio Wesleyan whose efficient and charming occupant was our own Gene Overturf, president of District III. Having already cooperated in the staging of ten

other installations in the university within the year, an eleventh was a simple problem to her but being ours she had a much more intimate part in it and all the arrangements worked out perfectly.

The suite of rooms of the Assistant Dean of women in the new dormitory, Austin hall, had been most hospitably turned over for our use by Miss Stayt and here I found Pearle surrounded by girls as usual, answering questions and sorting pins with equal rapidity. We started out immediately, in the rain, to do some local shopping and loaded our two Delta Delta Gamma girls, taxiing us around, with packages which roused their curiosity more and more.

There always has to be a "stage" and a "behind the scenes" for every performance. Our stage was laid in four of the most attractive homes in Delaware whose owners obligingly effaced themselves and left us the field of action. Their qualms at the sounds of hammers and moving furniture I hope were quieted on finding everything intact after we had cleared away. The "behind the scenes" can best be described by the "working crew"—the girls from Alpha Gamma, two of whom were the right size to save us hunting ladders; the Cincinnati girls who braved the road to Delaware in one of Henry Ford's early efforts (or so they described it and said they would get to convention if the flivver just held out); Mu's two busy representatives and Martha Humphrey, the maker of the paraphernalia, who having packed the boxes could save us from chaos in unpacking. Even some of the many alumnae arriving were pressed into service. The officers were being lunched and dined and were enjoying themselves enormously, having soon discovered that the college girls were perfectly capable and needed no directing—we hoped they had time to eat.

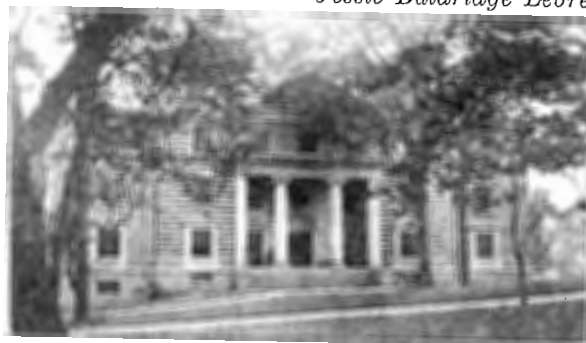
An unexpected call at a men's fraternity house early one morning was necessary to borrow an extra loving cup and we flattered ourselves on the length of time they prolonged our visit until we discovered they had been laboriously making the cup presentable with silver polish.

Tired but happy to bed, early and eagerly out in the morning even after the night we were serenaded by a chapter of gentlemanly nightingales whose generosity was encouraged by our girls singing back occasionally. We alumnae sighed blissfully for serenading is one thing you can get no where else but at college and this gave a finishing touch to our sojourn in the haunts of youth.

Pansies everywhere—big golden, purple and black ones—spring beauties in profusion for every occasion—the whole countryside in a tender green mantle on our drive to the installation luncheon at Scioto country club—the Art building bowered in vines and blossoms for the reception—wonderful settings for the unfolding of our ideals and receiving into our sisterhood this eager, loyal group of neophytes.

Who can measure the value of these four days of association in beginning the national life of the new chapter and of almost as great value is the enriching experience for the assisting college girls and alumnae whose constant privilege of the fraternity has perhaps dulled the fine luster of their idealism and who need to re-illuminate it by such a vision of service.

Jessie Baldrige Lebrecht



AUSTIN HALL ENTRANCE, WOMEN'S DORMITORY

EVENTS

Hot, tired, home from an 11:10, and hungry for lunch—that's the way we felt as a preface for such glorious news delivered to us by a Western Union delivery boy, Tuesday, April 29, 1924. Something inside just took a flop—our hearts, probably—a Theta charter at last! The week-end of May 29 was decided upon as the date for the *Grand Occasion*.

Then came the real work. All those little details that seemed so trifling at first had to be so carefully worked out, and the big things were so much bigger than we ever expected. We certainly appreciated Mrs Overturf's wonderful support in all our planning; we were most fortunate in having her as our source of information and inspiration. Mrs Lebrecht, Miss Green, and Mrs Overturf were the presiding officers.

Thursday evening, May 29, the pledging service took place, at Dean Smyser's; Mrs Smyser is a Theta, initiated at Northwestern university. Mrs Courtney very graciously opened her home to us for the initiation services which were on Friday, in the afternoon and evening. Mrs Courtney's daughter is Mrs Herbert Brightman from Mu. Saturday morning, at Mrs Ada May Gallagher's the installation service was held. The installation luncheon was at the Scioto country club at Columbus following the installation. The club was beautifully decorated by the Alpha Gamma pledges. That evening the formal Installation reception was given at Lyon art hall. Dean Overturf, President and Mrs Hoffman, Mrs Lebrecht, Miss Green, Miss Sally Humphreys, the Director of the art department, and Frances Auxter, our chapter president, were in the receiving line. Purple iris and spirea made the hall very delightful, and the many baskets and bouquets of other kinds of flowers, sent to us by our friends and alumnae added to the whole effect. Sunday morning, a model chapter meeting was held. Our new officers were installed at this time, too.

The guests, whom we were honored in entertaining, were: Louise Patterson, Alpha Omega; Elizabeth Charlton, Margaret Webb, and Elinor VanScotin, Mu; the entire Alpha Gamma chapter; Gladys Lynch and Charlotte Sands from the Detroit alumnae chapter; Miss Ebeling, Cleveland alumna; Mrs Gerald Cowman, and Miss Harriett Ohlonall, Bellefontaine, Ohio; Mrs Murry Irwin, Upsilon, Mrs Robert Allen, Chi, Mrs. Fred Eckly, Alpha Gamma, Mrs Ruth B. Davis, Epsilon, all from Cleveland; Mrs Harry Dowds, Mrs John Pontius, Mrs Beam, Columbus; Mrs Cooper, Bellaire; Miss Humphreys, St. Louis, Missouri; Margaret Heckle, Dorothy Carothers, Gene Schmidt, Inez Vollrath, and Martha Vordenberg, Alpha Tau.

The initiates were: Helen Wright, Toledo; Wilma Porterfield, Delaware; Ruth McKee, Pittsburgh; Anne Mendenhall, Delaware; Anne Hayden, Tiffin; Elizabeth Hormell, Delaware; Marian Christopher, Washington C. H.; Sylvia West, Delaware; Frances Auxter, Oak Harbor; Alice Bell, Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; Ellen Cameron, Dawson, Pennsylvania; Margaret Christopher, Washington C. H.; June Flowers, Clarksburg, West Virginia; Nellie Price, Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Margaret Smyser, Delaware; Dorothy and Elizabeth Wheland, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Harriet Rogers, West Lafayette; Lois Miller and Janice Richardson, Coshocton; Katherine Guthery, Cleveland; Katherine Timmons, Toledo; Margaret Hayman, Clarksburg, West

Virginia; Elizabeth Booton, Asheville, North Carolina; Mary Sackett, Bellefontaine; Ruth Parker, Sandusky; Margaret Dixon and Frances Freeman, Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Hoffman, Frances Naylor and Lillian Murphy, Delaware; Carleen Luikart, Euclid; Ruth Thomas, Warren.

The pledges were: Janet Arnold and Elizabeth Crouse, Cincinnati; Dorothy Holden, Wheeling, West Virginia; Jean Coman, Cleveland; Claora Bell, Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; Marjory Hollingsworth, Williamsburg, Indiana; Lucille Rhodes, Princeton, Indiana; Margaret Richardson, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Marjory Postance, Galion; Margaret Beech, Hollywood, California.

Ruth Thomas

DELTA DELTA GAMMA HISTORY

From 1895 to 1896 and from 1900 to 1912, Delta Delta Gamma existed on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan. In 1912 sororities were forced to disband by faculty action.

Among the alumnae of Delta Delta Gamma, there are several both prominent and active women. Never content with the situation of 1912, in 1921 they got in touch with other one-time sororities of O. W. U. and notified them of their intention to create the sentiment which would move the faculty and trustees to favorable action in the matter. These Delta Delta Gamma alumnae came back in the fall of 1921 and looked over the ground. In February they initiated a few girls from each class who they felt were most representative of Ohio Wesleyan and who would work for the re-installation of sororities on this campus, but who would disband in case of the failure of their project.

Delta Delta Gamma was fortunate in being one of the first groups to organize on the campus. Among the class of 1922 there were four members of Phi Beta Kappa, the president of the women's Student government, the speaker for the senior class at the twenty-second Home-coming, the pianist for the Varsity quartette, orchestra, and Glee club. All were members of women's Boosters, an honorary society composed of representative O. W. U. women. The classes of 1923, 1924, and 1925 were each well represented. These girls, working together with several other groups, succeeded in attaining their aim, for in June, 1922, the trustees officially recognized sororities on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan.

In 1923, Delta Delta Gamma started actively working for Theta. Mrs Overturf and Alpha Gamma chapter were enter-

tained that year. Alpha Gamma entertained our group with a luncheon in the spring of 1923. The next year we had the pleasure of showing delegations from Cincinnati and from Allegheny our college and ourselves. In the year 1923-1924 Miss Green encouraged us by a visit and later by helping us. Since May 30, 1924, Delta Delta Gamma has ceased to exist except through its alumnae. We are Thetas.

The success of Delta Delta Gamma on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan has been remarkable. We have been able to hold many offices and at the same time to be successful at the polls. We have lost but one bid since we started in 1921. To us, our success is due to only a few things. We have made the ideals of Wesleyan our ideals. We have tried to be democratic and friendly with our associates. Then, we have done our best to "play square." Here at Wesleyan we are not permitted to rush until the second semester. That means that more than three girls can not be in the company of a freshman woman at one time if they are all of the same sorority. We are not to spend money on a freshman or to talk fraternity. When "rush week" is in full sway, there are many rules, chiefly limiting money to be spent and number of parties to be given. We have lived up to these rules. At times, it has seemed impossible, for other groups seemed to take advantage, but we feel it has paid. So if we were to attribute the success of Delta Delta Gamma to any two things, we would name them democracy and fair play.

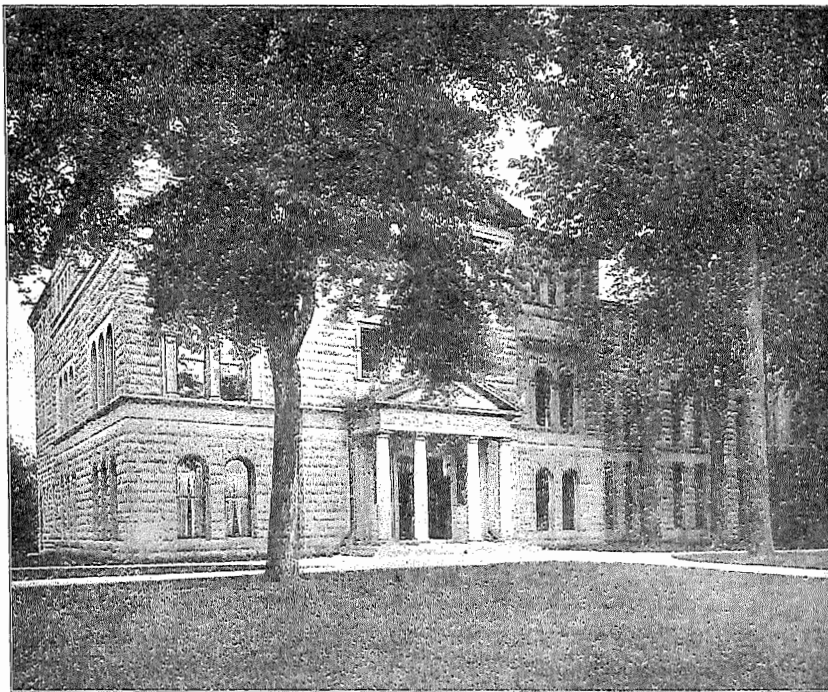
Katherine Timmons

WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES AT OHIO WESLEYAN

Since October, 1923, when the first national fraternity for women was recognized at Ohio Wesleyan university, there have been granted to the various locals on the campus an ever increasing number of national charters. Of the seventeen locals then in existence, twelve have received national recognition. Besides our own Kappa Alpha Theta, there are Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Theta Upsilon, Phi Mu, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Delta Zeta. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Delta Delta now have petitions under consideration.

If heretofore there has been any doubt in the minds of the faculty as to the policy of admitting the women into full fraternity rights, it is now completely dispelled, for they have brought into our midst a higher standard of ideals, social as well as scholastic.

Frances E. Naylor



SLOCUM LIBRARY, OHIO WESLEYAN

AS OTHERS SAW THEM

Delaware Thetas

To the four resident Theta alumnae, the installation of Gamma deuteron has been the realization of a long cherished dream. The feeling that Ohio Wesleyan was an ideal field for women's fraternities impressed itself on each one of us as we came to Delaware to live; and when the action of the Board of trustees made the admission of them possible, it was with the hope that Theta would be among the first to enter that we attempted, in a small way to aid our petitioning group.

We feel that Theta has placed her fate in the hands of a group of girls who will uphold our traditions and ideals in the best way possible, and have no doubt but that our fraternity will be one of the leaders in Ohio Wesleyan.

With the development program planned by the university which is now under way, the future promises an even better opportunity than we have at present for the growth of a strong

fraternity organization. The college offers exceptional advantages to girls in the field of art and music as well as the regular literary courses. Living conditions in two beautiful dormitories which cannot be surpassed offer themselves, with our own Gene Overturf as Dean of women.

It was indeed a rare opportunity to be living here when Installation took place; to meet all the fine Thetas who came and worked so long and faithfully to make Gamma deuteron a reality; to hear again the Theta songs, to pass the loving cup around, and see the girls in whom we have been so interested, receive the emblem of our fraternity.

And so it is with re-awakened fraternity interest that the alumnae look forward to this first year of Thetahood for our new chapter.

Ada May Galleher, Alpha Gamma '12

A neighbor's views

The greatest event and the best good luck that came to Alpha Gamma this past college year was the witnessing of the installation of Gamma deuteron chapter to our national fraternity. We, from the Ohio State chapter, are next door neighbors to the Delaware girls; and our plans are to bind both chapters so closely together that we will keep a steadily worn path between the two colleges.

Have many of you ever been witnesses at the installation of a new chapter? If so, you can readily understand those peculiar thrills running up and down one's spine, and the intense excitement of it all. If you have not had this experience don't miss it by any means! We girls from Alpha Gamma learned so much about dear Theta that most of the time we were all ears and eyes.

The pledging was the customary service we all have at the first of each year. The initiation service was beautiful. So many girls going through at the same time, stamped it all vividly on our minds. The excellent opportunity of watching a Grand officer, our beloved new Grand president—Mrs Lebrecht, pre-side, impressed us all so that we will never forget her great serenity. Then, too, we had the delightful pleasure of knowing our Miss Green, whom we all know so well—if not in person, through mail.

During this service the new girls were completely overcome. Just go over your own initiation into Theta, and you will understand in what mood they were.

The installing of the new chapter was a unique service. With

alumnae and active Thetas from Allegheny, Cincinnati, Ohio State, Detroit, and Delaware we witnessed the linking of the new Gamma deuteron link to the chain that links all our hearts together in sisterhood.

The formal luncheon following the services, was held at the Scioto country club in Columbus.

Alpha Gamma is deeply thankful that she has such a fine, sincere, and enthusiastic group of Theta sisters so near. We consider ourselves very fortunate and we intend to go back and forth visiting and keeping close touch with each other. One great time to get together will be the Ohio State-Wesleyan football game. Of course we all really feel sorry that our team is so much better than theirs, but that is not any fault of either Theta chapter.

My only wish is that all Thetas may some day meet the girls of the baby chapter. At convention everyone had the opportunity of meeting two from Gamma deuteron. They were grand examples of the splendid, competent workers we have in our new chapter.

Marcella Rehl, Alpha Gamma

Spring tonic

Alumnae! Keep young. Have you ever felt your enthusiasm for Theta waning? Have you ever felt that the younger generation—well, at least needed your mature advice? These and other signs of age doubtless trouble the minds of many. To restore our optimistic viewpoint, five of the Cleveland alumnae traveled to Delaware, Ohio, to take part in the initiation and installation of Gamma deuteron at Ohio Wesleyan. We found—

(1) A college old in tradition with its splendid equipment and high standards that would be a valuable addition.

(2) A group of girls, high in scholarship, prominent in college activities and charming in personnel. This crowd of friendly girls who greeted us on our arrival revealed many types yet each seemed characteristic of Theta. As some guest remarked "as though they had been Thetas forever." The word summing up the impressions of this group—strength. These girls have poise and ability, yet an unassuming manner that is a cherished adjunct to our fraternity. We must not pass by without saying a word of praise for Eugene R. Overturf, our esteemed president of District III, Dean of women at Ohio Wesleyan. Could any new group be so blessed with such a leader for counsel and advice?



MONNETT HALL, "WOMEN'S DORMITORY"

(3) Initiation in afternoon and evening in the spacious old home of Mrs Courtney. As we listened to that ceremony so beautifully conducted by Mrs Lebrecht the years rolled back, we were pledges living over again the thrill of that solemn rite and feeling anew the aspirations of "noble womanhood."

(4) The Installation service held the following morning in the home of Dade May Galleher, Epsilon, when Gamma deuteron received her charter from Kappa Alpha Theta. It seemed most fitting to see L. Pearle Green officiate in the ritual of welcoming them into our bond and joining the new and shining link of Gamma deuteron to the national chain. Again our attention was directed to each girl individually as Miss Green presented her with the coveted shingle and again we were happy to claim each for our own.

After a full, joyous day when Gamma deuteron proved themselves charming and capable hostesses, we came away with renewed faith in the old world, proud of Kappa Alpha Theta and happy that we have been honored by membership in such an organization.

Cleveland Alumnae

LOOKING AHEAD

Only from June 1 till convention at the end of that month did Gamma deuterion hold undivided attention as the precocious infant in the fraternity. At convention, a charter was granted to Alpha Theta, local at Florida state college for women.

While this magazine is going through the process of turning from copy to printed page, this group will be installed as Beta Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, with Mrs Bemis, Grand vice president, Mrs Humphrey, District president, and Miss Green, Grand secretary, in charge, ably assisted—we hope—by members of many chapters and all Thetas living in Florida.

The story of those installation days, October 16-19, can not be told until the next magazine; but, so you may get a foretaste of those thrilling days, here is—

The Pre-view

I wish we introduced bills at our Theta congress, bearing our names. That would be a good future practice. The name would carry responsibility, as well as honor. We would have fewer bills. Or more, as the case might be! But anyway, I wish that the bill to admit the Florida state college for women to our Theta union had been named the "Huffman bill." That chapter will live and shine in our history, and by the device of connecting myself with it, as progenitor, I might live, too! After all my years as a Theta officer, the piece of work which I am proudest of is Beta Nu chapter.

Florida state college for women is an interesting college—almost a thousand women in an institution co-equal in every way with the men's university at Gainesville. The student body is cosmopolitan in outlook. Most of the girls live in Florida, but their people came from some place else. The physical equipment is very fine and adequate. The intellectual standards collegiate in the strictest sense. Tallahassee is a small town, so that the college is really a social community, and a delightful one. Fees and living expenses are remarkably cheap. As soon as Beta Nu becomes really known in the fraternity, I predict a flood of transfers from among the Thetas to whom coeducation is not irresistible. It was a happy day for both the fraternity and the group, when they found each other.

Martha Cline Huffman

SIDE LIGHTS

As an observer and auditor at the miniature convention over which Mrs Lebrecht presided, I noted with pleasure the fine poise of our new president, her ready tact and understanding of college girls, her good judgment, sound sense, and fairness.

At Greencastle and Bloomington many who gave their services and cars were not Thetas, but their true friends. Our group was driven around by the husband of a Pi Beta Phi.

A well-managed Information bureau contributed much to convention comfort and well-being.

What a treat it was to see the happy four (reunited after many years) who represented Indiana Gamma chapter!

The most distinguished member of the convention was Mr Stephens, our music director's darling baby.

The enthusiasm, energy, and initiative of Psi gave color and zest to the convention.

Very amusing and entertaining were the snatches of Theta history read at one of the morning sessions. Through them we got to know much better those four jolly girls, our Founders.

Do you remember the charming Arizona delegate who won her way into every heart?

The distinction of the Toronto delegation and the marked efficiency of the Southern chapters were points of pride to the convention *Spectator*.

The Masque in the Sunken gardens, with fireflies and sunset as scenery, was a joy, Beta.

"Who is doing the work?" "Who planned this," or that? Such were the questions, while behind the scenes worked those valiant hostesses from every chapter of District I, and then they emerged to mingle with the rest, enjoying too what they had created.

Those bar pins and cuff pins to match were gifts from the official jeweler, L. G. Balfour company. They were a most delightful surprise, tucked away in the card cases.

The Brown family—weren't we proud of them? A mother and four daughters, all members of Gamma chapter, and 'tis whispered there is also a Theta daughter-in-law that belongs to, or is to belong to, the same family.

"Wishes fulfilled, complaints patiently listened to, service cheerfully rendered any time of day or night"—that was the slogan of the chief marshal and her staff. Is it any wonder that things went smoothly and everybody was happy!

There were athletic contests. There were a number of prizes won and awarded. But to whom and for what, no reporter was able to transcribe on paper for us. And so— "No report."