

## WELCOME BETA MU

A combination of misunderstandings found the magazine short any adequate account of that happy event, Nov. 14-16, the installation of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Nevada.

And so, you will find below Beta Mu's own account of this gala weekend—taken bodily from the *Chapter news* section, in order that no reader will miss the story.

Happily and humbly, we, Beta Mu chapter at the University of Nevada, take our place among you. We thrill at the thought of being a "baby" sister to so many of you; we tremble at the thought of making your accomplishments ours. We wish it were possible for us to be the infant prodigy in your family, but since we can not hope for that, will you accept us instead as just a normal "baby" sister—big-eyed with wonder and eagerness?

Our entrance into Kappa Alpha Theta was an epoch in fraternity history at the University of Nevada, and it was no less significant an event in our own lives. Four wonderful days that stand out because the new friendships and ideals gained then will mould our whole future experience. "Fraternity" can never mean more to us than when we sang it with Mrs Lebrecht and our Stanford and California sisters on the morning of installation.

Some of the California delegates brought books with them to study at odd moments, but our schedule had not allowed for study periods. So we regretfully told Helen Carr and Margaret Stum good-bye, when they left a day early to prepare for a Monday morning examination.

Pledging of thirty-eight girls—eleven active members, fourteen alumnae, and thirteen pledges to D K T—took place Thursday evening, November 16. Initiation of alumnae occurred the next afternoon, followed in the evening by the initiation of the active members when the new alumnae Thetas were allowed to assist. Installation on Saturday, with the first chapter meeting Sunday morning, completed the swift round of ceremonies, which seemed to us like one beautiful dream. All these proceedings were held at the President's home on the campus, Mrs Euphemia Abrahms Clark, wife of the President, being an Iota alumna. The presence at these ceremonies of Mrs Clark and our other Theta alumnae friends residing here, including Mrs Elizabeth Eagleton Courtright, Alpha Omicron; Mrs Jane Ellsworth

Price, Omega; and Mrs Nan Drury Summerfield, Phi, made every symbol even dearer to us.

We shared Theta comradeship with our new sisters at the several luncheons and buffet suppers that were a part of each of those busy days. Theta residents and mothers, and loyal friends, who opened their homes to us, made possible these happy gatherings. Installation luncheon, where new-found love for our fraternity seemed to overflow, preceded a reception Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs George Thatcher. Several hundred invitations had been issued to college and down-town friends, so that the affair was largely attended; the spirit of cordiality that seemed to predominate throughout made us feel that our friends were truly happy in our good fortune. When seventy-five couples of us danced together that evening at Mrs Thatcher's home the same feeling of genuine happiness was apparent, and was fittingly climaxed by singing *Thetas everywhere* at the close of the dance, accompanied by California, Stanford and Nevada college yells.

After chapter meeting Sunday morning over ten "autofuls" of Thetas left for Minden, a forty-five mile trip across country that we Nevadans like to show. We had dinner at Minden Inn and returned home in time to have one more jolly fest together; we merrily sang and chatted while enjoying a buffet supper with Mrs Clark.

It was with genuine regret that we bade our new sisters good-bye that night at the 9:35 train, for by this time several of us were nursing "crushes." We beg them to come back to us. However, we are just as anxious to explore new fields in friendships, and as your "baby" sister we hope that many of you will find occasion to pay us frequent visits.

We are more than proud that we have been able to know personally the following Thetas, who made the installation of Beta Mu chapter a real inspiration to its members: Mrs Jessie Baldrige Lebrecht, Grand vice-president, Mrs May Chase Freeborn, President District VI, Bernice Tompkins, National archivist; Helen L. Law, Elinor H. Stillman, Mildred Wright, Helen Carrier, Isabel Smith, Eleanor Booth, Beth Krebs, Helen Carr, Mary Louise McCone, Beatrice Ward and Mrs Leslie Wilde Ganyard, Omega; Elizabeth Spilman, Margaret Zane, Margaret Watson, Mildred Maurer, Phi; Mary Thompson, Omicron; Margaret Stum, Beta Beta and Eta; Hazel Howard, Upsilon; and Emily Bacon, Delta.

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