

When these meetings came to a close I was convinced that every delegate was benefited, broadened, and a better Theta for having come to the most inspiring and stimulating convention ever held by Kappa Alpha Theta.

Did the Executive committee for convention and Grand council realize that every Theta present was deeply grateful to them for the unselfish giving of their time, energy, and thought to our fraternity and its welfare.

Dorothy Wilson, president District VII

A FIRST CONVENTION

(For a Chapter)

Chicago, with its many wonders, was nothing in comparison with the word convention for me. Upon reaching the New Palmer house our chapter was rightly called the "baby" chapter, because of our entrance into the fraternity only two weeks previous. The first night, as the train backed into the station in Chicago and I first saw the lighted Kappa Alpha Theta sign, I realized that I belonged to a greater organization than the bounds of my own chapter. It had been hard for me to visualize in my mind the idea that we belonged to a greater organization and we were not only responsible now to ourselves but to others too.

As each hour passed I realized more and more the vastness and quality of our fraternity. The grand welcome which awaited us at different stops along our trip showed me the real worth, ideals, type of girls and women that Theta has.

There are so many ideas which a new chapter may gain from a convention which could never be learned in any other way. There we, a beginning chapter, may profit by the experiences of others, and be helped in carrying out a program for activities.

A new chapter such as ours, does not fully appreciate the significance of a convention until it has sent a delegate and she has seen the broader and more unifying service that chapter delegates and alumnae representatives from the various chapters of the fraternity give.

Besides the many worth while suggestions received at a chapter's first convention there is a beginning of a national spirit and the realization of the broadening influence that a national fraternity has for each of its chapters.

Ruth Ketcham, Beta Pi

INSTALLATIONS

Beta Omicron

As you all know, the West Baden convention voted that the Grand council of Kappa Alpha Theta be permitted to colonize a chapter at any university approved by convention as a field for the fraternity, and also approved University of Iowa as our first field.

The alumnae group in Iowa City was very small. Dr Zella White Stewart, Mu and Iota, was the one most instrumental in collecting the material to be used for a nucleus of this new group. She was ably assisted by Mrs Florence Votey Waterman, Lambda, Mrs J. Hubert Scott, Pi, Mrs Louise Ellis Granger, Tau, Mrs Olive Siddons Boughton, Alpha Rho, and Mrs Helen McCoid Kelley, Tau and Rho.

After a year of investigation, Dr Stewart wrote the Council that a group was ready for their inspection, so Miss L. Pearle



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Green and myself went to Iowa City. We were much pleased with the girls presented for our approval and when our report to Council was made and approved, word was sent to pledge those eleven girls. They were pledged February 14, 1926.

From then on, meetings were held weekly at Dr Stewart's and a study of the fraternity made. Also, the group was given permission to collect other girls whom all might agree upon, so that a total of around twenty might be ready for initiation.

June 8 and 9 were the dates set for installation. Mrs Bemis, Grand vice-president, was in charge, and she was assisted by Mrs Lebrecht, Grand president, and Mrs Grasett, District president.

At that time seventeen girls were initiated:—Millicent Ritter, Edna Weststrom, Iva Richardson, Barbara Kittridge, Mable Crooks, Marian Ask, Genevieve Harter, Lillian Kahle, Anne Beman, Ruth Sailor, Corinne Parsons, Helen Singley, Gwendolyn Moore, Myrtle Van Pearson, Louise Stedman, Coral Eglund, and Anne McDonald. Three pledges remained to be initiated this fall; Frances Klein, Helen Ann Dolly, and Helen Hammerstrom.

The Delta Gammas and the Gamma Phi Betas very cordially opened their houses for our use during installation.

This fall I went back to find our new chapter all settled in a real fine old colonial house, very attractively furnished with all new furniture, bought by Dr Stewart with a loan made to the chapter by the national fraternity.

Mrs Banta, President of District X, went with me and we feel very pleased to announce nine new girls for this chapter. We rushed very distinctly against Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, and were recognized on equal terms. Even for our last party we had girls split dates with those old established groups. We consider that an able beginning and plan to give all the supervision and advice possible to prove that colonization is a success and that Kappa Alpha Theta can make it so.

Jeanette Grasett

Beta Pi

The scene changed quickly—aboard a lone Pullman on the tracks at Iowa City at an hour somewhat before midnight awaiting the through train for Chicago and musing over the events of the past few days during Beta Omicron's installation—then Chicago with one's chief thought on arriving in Lansing in time for pledge service for Beta Pi chapter at Michigan State

college. And this was to be, by the way, a more difficult matter that it sounds, because with all the perusal of train schedules and nice calculations the important item of day light saving was left out of the reckoning.

Festivity and joyousness greeted a very dusty and travel worn person on arrival on the evening of June 12 at the home of Mrs Doris Porter-Person of Eta chapter, where pledge service was even then just beginning. The house was filled with young college girls interspersed with some alumnae, and only by the scrutinizing of pins could one distinguish the new pledges. Many had come to participate in the installation, a dozen or more from Eta at Michigan, two each from Mu at Allegheny, Alpha Omega at Pittsburgh, Alpha Tau at Cincinnati, and Gamma Deuteron at Ohio Wesleyan, and several alumnae from Albion and Detroit. There were present, of course, the resident alumnae of Lansing. Alpha Gamma at Ohio state was the only chapter of the district unrepresented and that was because examinations were being held at the time. Miss Green was the installing chairman assisted by Mrs Overturf, president of District III and the Grand vice president, Mrs Bemis. Miss Green also had the assistance of Ruth Smith, Phi, as head marshal and Anna Payne, Alpha Delta, her office assistant.

An installation is an event unlike anything else in fraternity life. The whole official machinery of the fraternity is available for the event and nothing is overlooked in starting the new chapter on its new adventure. It is a joyous gathering of those who are travelling the same road and those who have completed a part of the journey but are still so enthusiastic about continuing that their efforts have been unsparing in behalf of a similar opportunity for this new chapter. Throughout those days there is a strange mixture of pleasure, responsibility, joys of new acquaintanceships and the renewal of old ones, a renewed realization of fraternity meaning, awe occasioned by the solemnity of the occasion, and above all sheer joy.

Friday afternoon initiation began and lasted far into the evening with an interval for dinner, which was arranged and served as if no unusual event was taking place. Fifty-one were initiated of whom 10 were alumnae and 40 college members.

The next day, Saturday at one o'clock, after a leisurely morning for the installing officers, came the installation service, in the delightful new hotel of Lansing, followed by the installation luncheon over which Miss Green presided. The dignified for-

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