

# Gamma Theta Chapter

*The latest university to open its doors to women's national fraternities is Carnegie Institute of technology. Local Greek letter groups have existed for many years in the two of its colleges where register most women students: the College of fine arts, and Margaret Morrison college.*

*Tentative approach by these locals to women's national fraternities and, by the latter, tentative queries as to entrance possibilities, arose frequently in the last fifteen years; but Carnegie required the groups first to become well established on campus. In the late summer of 1943 Carnegie Institute invited the women's fraternities to consider it a field for expansion.*

*By Commencement in June 1944, five national women's fraternities had accepted the invitation and had chartered chapters at Carnegie Tech. Their charter dates: Alpha Epsilon Phi, November 23, 1943; and in 1944, Delta Gamma, January 28; Kappa Kappa Gamma, February 19; Delta Delta Delta, April 15; Kappa Alpha Theta, April 29. All these, except Delta Gamma, already had one college chapter in Pittsburgh, at the University of Pittsburgh. Still at Carnegie were two strong locals, Alpha Kappa Psi and Gamma Gamma Gamma, which probably soon may be national chapters too.*

*Carnegie Institute is too well known to need an introduction to our readers. It was founded in 1900, granted its first degrees in June 1912, has an endowment well over seventeen million dollars. Many distinguished scholars are on its teaching and research staffs, and there is a student body (in these war years) of 1526, almost equally divided between men and women.*

*Kappa Alpha Theta's Carnegie charter was granted to a group that had had 23 years continuous success as a local fraternity. Mrs Ayars, a charter member both of the local and of Theta's Gamma Theta chapter, writes of the group's history.*

## Beetles or Beta Tau Lambda

THE "BEETLE" sorority was planned in the College of Fine arts, Carnegie Institute of technology, during the fall of 1920. The organization was completed, and a constitution adopted January 10, 1921.

The Sorority did not become active until the beginning of the next college year—October, 1921, when it was completely reorganized and a new constitution and by-laws adopted.

In choosing the name "Beetle" we were inspired by the archeological findings taking place in Egypt about that time. After considerable research on Egyptian symbolism we decided upon the name "Beetle" because of its sacredness to the Ancient Egyptians.

Our colors, green and gold, were used in designing our pin. We chose a stylized Gold beetle with emerald eyes. Attached to the Beetle was a guard which was a Gold Letter "C" set with pearls. To the outside world that "C" stood for Carnegie—to us it held another meaning.

The Beetle Sorority was organized under permission granted by E. Raymond Bossange, Dean of the college of Fine arts, and Laura W. L. Scales, Dean of women of Carnegie Institute of technology.

The six girls who organized the Sorority



MARGARET TAYLOR AYARS

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were Frances W. Burrows, president (Mrs John W. Flood); Marguerite D. Harmon, vice-president (Mrs Don Mong); Margaret Taylor, secretary (Mrs David P. Ayars); Marjorie Van Winkle, treasurer (Mrs Henry M. King); Dorothy F. Chalmers, Business manager (Mrs W. MacFarlin) Deceased; Dorothy Mong (Mrs Frank C. Gebhart). At the time of my graduation in 1925 we had 12 active members and 11 pledges.

Article I of the constitution was revised May 14, 1930 and the name of the "Beetle" sorority, upon approval of members, alumnae, and Panhellenic council, was changed to "Beta Tau Lambda."

Frances Flood writes: "I am delighted that the 'Beetle' sorority, which we founded with such loving care, has become a part of a national fraternity with the fine standards of Kappa Alpha Theta. While the rules of the campus excluded nationals in our day, we tried to build 'Beetle' with the finest ideals, worthy of the national fraternities to which our sisters and friends belonged elsewhere. With what care did we labor over our Constitution and rules! Remember how carefully we designed our pin and how much it meant to us?"

"We planned that all our female descendants would become 'Beetles.' Now we shall hope, with content and pride, that they may become Thetas."

Rebecca Speers Schoerke writes: "Am thrilled about our sorority becoming a part of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. Hope that I may have an opportunity to become affiliated with the national group."

"My own reactions were those of surprise and great joy. I had no idea that girls national fraternities were permitted on the Carnegie campus until one week before Gamma Theta chapter was installed. I attended a Carnegie alumnae clan meeting and learned there that the old 'Beetle' sorority had just been chartered by Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. What a glorious surprise this turned out to be."

"Travelling about the country I had met many fine Thetas and often felt, a pang of regret that I was not one of them. Now one of my life's most cherished ambitions has been realized. I still feel a glow of pride and delight in being a charter member of the Gamma Theta chapter, of the finest girls fraternity the world has ever known, KAPPA ALPHA THETA."

MARGARET TAYLOR AYARS

In the fall of 1943, Beta Tau Lambda petitioned for a Kappa Alpha Theta charter. Mrs Higbie and Mrs Brown visited with the group, and consulted with Thetas in Pittsburgh, on their way home from Grand council meeting. Upon their favorable report, Grand council voted to submit the petition for vote of college chapters.

To get the petition approved by the chapters of District III, to prepare the booklets which petitioners must send chapters of other districts, took time, as did many other necessary details in furthering the group's ambitions. Then it was up to the college chapters to decide on the granting of the petition. The last vote was in—all were affirmative. Quickly plans for installation got under way, so that Gamma Theta might be a fact before the Carnegie college year closed early in May.

Thetas who took the most active part in that installation week-end, April 29-30, have covered that story for you. But before we come to that, let's look back a bit and see how Kappa Alpha Theta interests and values have grown in Pittsburgh.

The first Theta organization there was Pittsburgh alumnae chapter, chartered in 1902, with 11 charter members, representing these college chapters: Mu, 5; Alpha Delta, 5; Iota 1. In 1944 this chapter's roll lists 350 Thetas resident in the city, and they come from 40 different college chapters.

Next came Alpha Omega, established December 4, 1915, and by now also counting its membership in hundreds. At the home of one of its charter members occurred some of Alpha Omega installation events, and that home is now Alpha Omega's chapter house, where took place the strictly fraternity events of Gamma Theta's installation. For these events Alpha Omega attended to all in-the-house details and acted as initiation teams, while Pittsburgh alumnae furnished the "eats" for sociability, and for refreshment of over-taxed officers and committees.

Gamma Theta started off with twenty-eight charter members, and 1 pledge. It is expected that this membership will grow rapidly during the coming year, through the initiation of many more of the local's 109 eligible alumnae.

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### President's Welcome

Happy is the chapter that the sun shines on (with apologies to brides)! The calendar told us spring had come to Pittsburgh weeks earlier, but not until the week-end of April 28, 1944, when Gamma Theta chapter was installed, did the sun shine day after day, warm breezes blow and blossoms burst into bloom. The good weather coupled with excellent cooperation and enthusiastic support of Alpha Omega chapter and Pittsburgh alumnae made the installation of our sixty-sixth chapter a memorable event.

The birth of our youngest child is a red letter day in Theta history. To have a chapter at Carnegie Institute of technology is a privilege and a compliment. These newest Thetas will bring credit and fame to our fraternity. Talent and beauty abound. In the making is a playwright; a sculptress; a radio star; a musician; a designer; a commercial artist; business executives "par excellence" and on *ad infinitum*. But lest you think they have not the family interest, let me add that the Mothers' club planned and arranged a most perfect reception on Sunday afternoon following installation. And all the

fathers came too, and sisters, and faculty, and representatives of other newly installed fraternities. It was a beautiful and impressive party.

The installation of Gamma Theta marks yet another milestone. It makes Pittsburgh the second city in which we have two college chapters. In Los Angeles we have Omicron and Beta Xi in different parts of the city—separated by miles but close in interest and friendliness. In this second city the two campuses are practically adjoining. Alpha Omega now has a baby sister—one to love, to cherish and to aid in growing up. How admirably Alpha Omega began the relationship! No group of girls could have been more conscientious, more unselfish, more anxious to please during those busy days of pledging, initiating, feasting and playing. Alpha Omega enthusiasm and joy in the new chapter is a healthy, natural attitude. May the years serve to strengthen the bonds of Theta love between your chapter and Gamma Theta.

It is my extreme pleasure to thank officially all those who helped to make the installation of Gamma Theta a successful and joyous occasion. Realizing the extra work, the worries and strain brought about by the war, I fully appreciate the time and effort contributed by Pittsburgh Thetas. You were wonderful—everyone of you—and I say it in true sincerity.

Born in the midst of strife and upheaval may our youngest chapter carry always the torch of true democracy and the banner of peace and good will. Fraternity is the development of an ideal.

PEARL VAN S. HIGBIE



Gamma Theta groups: Before initiation. Ready to welcome installation guests.

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## Behind the scenes with committee heads

Being adviser to the petitioning group, Beta Tau Lambda, was an experience I wouldn't have missed for anything and one which I thoroughly enjoyed. I will admit though that when I consented to do my little bit I had no idea just how much was involved in helping a petitioning group. From the moment I said, yes, I would help them along, life was a series of telephone calls, meetings, and letters.

My first meeting with the group was an interesting one. It was much like a miniature version of "Information please" with only one expert (supposedly) to answer all sorts of questions ranging from, "How many chapters has Theta?" to "How many movie stars are Thetas?"

The main problem, after more or less settling the questions in their minds, was the petition booklet. After all concerned with getting the material assembled had managed to get a few gray hairs the booklet was finished and mailed, but not first without having a few difficulties, such as the cuts to be used having just been scrapped, and the printing press breaking down. At the time it seemed like a slight nightmare, but now seems long ago and far away, and of course only the pleasant memories remain.

After the petition booklet had been mailed, we all sat back, heaved a sigh, crossed our fingers, and waited for the final vote of acceptance. All went well, and the anxiously awaited telegram of congratulations came through.

There being so little time and exams coming up just at that point, the girls hurriedly learned their fraternity education, getting all the information and learning a few songs one night, and having the exam just three nights later.

Meanwhile at home the American Railway express was beating a path to my door bringing boxes, boxes, and more boxes, suitcases, trunks, and what not, until soon the place gradually turned into a general warehouse for all the essential paraphernalia. I'm sure the express company thought we had bought out Balfour's and that Central office was moving its quarters to Reynolds street. Each day I kept thinking surely there couldn't be anything more, but each day there would be something more. This equipment had to be checked before installation,

so between the hours of 12:30 and 2 A.M. the evening of her arrival Mrs Moore and I took stock of what was what, packing and repacking, counting and recounting all the things. Not much more than forty winks was had that night.

And many more hours of sleep were lost during the next few days of pledging, initiation, banquet, and installation; but when it was all over, we had time to realize it was well worthwhile for we are indeed all proud of our Gamma Theta chapter.

MARTHA HARMEIER, *Alpha Omega*

I do not recall at just what moment I agreed to be chairman of Founders'-day for the Pittsburgh alumnae, but that is what started it all. From November to February there was discussion about the possible combination of the Installation banquet with Founders'-day. Then this was declared unworkable, and Martha and I exerted much effort to find a week-end convenient for installation among the exams, graduation activities, and weddings of the accelerated program.

After the last week-end in April was decided upon, we had many meetings to clarify our problems and sent letters to Texas to find out whether the banquet should be formal. We fussed over delayed mail while we waited to learn whether a piano would be needed, and sent telegrams regarding the speakers. The days were marked by a gradual and steady speed-up in our activities. Hurry to see if the Twentieth Century club could take our reservation. Hurry to get notices and tickets printed. Hurry to get all the available pansies ordered. Even the hurry of planning the banquet menu over a public telephone while I worried whether my rapidly diminishing pile of nickels would be sufficient. Two days before the banquet I was still receiving checks, and sending out tickets, and getting the florist to improve the banquet flowers.

Then the time came for the banquet. Programs and pansies were at each place, the five loving cups were on a table behind a convenient pillar, and the entire one hundred and fifty-six reservations had personally arrived. Most notable among our new initiates was Mrs Margaret Taylor Ayars who was a founder of the local group Theta had incorporated. Most traveled of Theta guests were four girls from Gamma Eta; and most welcome were three guests from



Installation guests.

Carnegie Tech: Mrs Daugherty, Dean Yon, and Miss Doris Myer. All our speakers were inspiring, and special mention should be made of our able Toastmistress (and alumnae chapter president) Mrs Bartholomew; of the district chapters who cleverly welcomed Gamma Theta with appropriate quotations from Theta songs (we think H. Peden had a hand in this); and of Miss Mary Porter Boss, Alpha Delta, and Charter member of the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter, who gave an inspiring call to *Theta service* which, tired as Martha and I were, made every effort we had put forth seem valuable and proper.

VIRGINIA P. STEVENSON, *Beta Phi*

### Pittsburgh Alumnae's welcome

It was a new experience for Pittsburgh Theta Alumnae chapter to have a new group of Thetas handed to them out of a clear sky. It reminds one of the old mother hen who, having carefully nurtured her own brood, suddenly has another given her for care and protection. At first she is wary, not quite sure of the wisdom of the act, but little by little her motherly instinct predominates and her care and devotion extend to all alike. She wonders why she had any hesitancy in adoption.

Wary, too, were those members of Theta alumnae—the tried and true—the ones who had toiled through the years with the growing pains of the chapter and its mothering of one college chapter, Alpha Omega. As they were permitted to share the hopes and plans of the fraternity in accepting this new group; to meet and become acquainted with the charms of the Tech girls; to find that the mothers of these girls were old friends—as all these developed, hesitancy changed to interest, interest to enthusiasm, and they wondered why there ever had been any question.

Every one stood in readiness to be of service. Nothing seemed too much to do for them. A most willing group furnished a "refresher" course after the pledging service Friday night before installation; another group supplied a continuous lunch during initiation; a member sponsored the installation dinner at the Twentieth Century club to which the alumnae responded a hundred fifty strong; and homes were thrown open for guests during this time. With one accord and true Theta spirit the

Alumnae group greeted Gamma Theta with open arms and made it a part of themselves.

All of this happened in the enthusiasm and excitement of an Installation, but the same spirit has carried over into the fall. Not only the Advisory board, but many other alumnae—girls from Mu, Alpha Omega, Epsilon, Gamma—are spending nights helping Gamma Theta with its rushing. As the year opens plans are laid for all Gamma Thetas, past, present and future, and their mothers, to have an opportunity to meet our alumnae, that a fellowship from actual acquaintance may be fostered and a oneness be felt by all. Already they are included in our year book and are represented on committees. Through work and play together we hope to nurture and develop a live Theta spirit in both old and new members.

SARAH ANDERSON BARTHOLOMEW  
*President, Pittsburgh alumnae*

### A First installation opinion

Open Letter to Gamma Theta Chapter

Confession is good for the soul, so I feel I must set you straight on a few things which took place at installation and correct some impressions you may have gotten—or did I impress you? Anyway I hope you won't always think of me as a busy body bustling about collecting checks, checking lists, and thus seemingly putting a check on any approach to me as a human being. But honestly I was scared! It was my first installation, too. You were not alone.

Being a confirmed enthusiast for the new and the untried, I knew I had to be careful not to color the event too much with my own zest for it as a new venture for the fraternity and a new experience for me. Could your group possibly live up to all we had heard about you? Should I try to live up to my formidable title, Grand Treasurer, installing officer? Could Pittsburgh alumnae make room for you in their affections? Would Alpha Omega feel and act like the displaced older sister? Could we, in those three short days, crystallize for you the beauty and deep meaning of our rituals and our relationships to one another?

But my fears proved to be ungrounded and served only to make the realization even more satisfying. I need not have rattled all my papers so loudly to keep up my courage. It was clear

from the beginning that Pittsburgh alumnae had things so busy they had to work to *look* busy.

Recalling those halcyon days I remember that much we Alpha Theta would expect of you, who as a chapter and as individuals wanted you to feel in your first group of college leavers into a Greek le heritage was ours to earn and possess it. To you just how much important you are to

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Recalling those happy and busy days, I remember that much was said about what Kappa Alpha Theta would mean to you, what we expected of you, what we hoped for you as a chapter and as individuals, how proud we wanted you to feel in becoming a part of the first group of college women to organize themselves into a Greek letter fraternity, what a rich heritage was ours to give you if you would but earn and possess it. But did we make it clear to you just how much you mean to us—how important you are to us?

Yes, we may call you our "Baby" chapter until it seems trite to you, but never feel we mean to be flippant nor desire to make you feel unimportant. To us, as in any devoted family, that word implies the enviable place you have within our fraternity, our pride in you, our devotion to you, our need of you. To us, you are youth; new interests, new challenge to the best that is in us as exemplification, sure knowledge that we have vigor to grow, still serving youth. You are the new hat we wear which makes us walk with a spring in our step. Thank you!

Recognizing your unique place among us, never envy chapters nor individuals who have been within the fraternity longer. We need your vision and vigor, just as their tradition and maturity. That is why we never rate our chapters and label any "best". Each has its own particular contribution to make to its own members, its own campus, and to us. If you do that to the best of your ability you will always remain first in our hearts as you are today.

Looking forward to many more happy associations together in Kappa Alpha Theta of which this first was only a tantalizing sample, I am, Loyally in Theta,

PAULINE B. MOORE, *just friend*

### A first Installation from outside looking in

Betty Clapp, Marjorie Gunther, Patricia Andersen, and Dorothy Johnson of Gamma Eta arrived at Alpha Omega's chapter house, after a hectic fourteen-hour train ride from Amherst.

Several of us had never been to Pittsburgh,

and after riding through an unfamiliar, darkened city, were glad to arrive at the Pittsburgh chapter house. And, too, we were just in time to see and be a part of the pledging ceremony. Since we had never visited another chapter, we had not realized that the pledging ceremony could be different from our own. Each of us had a feeling of pride that we were able to participate in adding another chapter to Theta.

Through our visit we became acquainted with the members of Alpha Omega, with delegates from other chapters, and with alumnae from all over the country. Everyone was wonderful to us, and although we had to give up our cherished "baby chapter" title, we were much pleased that it was to be passed along to such a promising group of girls. Regretfully, we had to catch an early-morning train for Amherst on Sunday, so were unable to attend the installation ceremonies and the tea given by the new chapter. However, we enjoyed every minute of our new experience, and we certainly extend every good wish to Gamma Theta.

PATRICIA R. ANDERSEN  
DOROTHY E. JOHNSON

### A Recipe for Happiness 1915-1944

The same location (not the same building), meeting for the same purpose, to install a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, the same city, Pittsburgh, and yet how different and how alike the two events! Both events of importance in my life but some twenty-nine years apart, twenty-nine years filled with Theta love and experiences in Pittsburgh.

As I sat at the speakers' table in the lovely dining room of the Twentieth Century club in Pittsburgh and looked over the Thetas—one hundred and fifty-six strong—gathered to welcome our newest chapter, I had mixed emotions. Joy in this new chapter and nostalgic memories of Alpha Omega's party here in December 1915. I remembered the beautiful women in the receiving line. Statuesque Hope Davis Mecklin, beautiful Hazel Allison Ford, L. Pearle Green with her lovely green eyes put in with sooty fingers, Martha Cline Huffman with her crown of golden hair, Eugenie Rounsavell Overturf, our beautiful District president, our chapter president, Helen Frost Dice, direct, sincere and intellectual, and charming Dale Finley Dunham, one of Alpha Omega's founders.



Entertaining guests at tea: Priscilla Dodge; Dorothy King—Ruth Means; Barbara Matthews

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In 1915 we had a reception and dance "with refreshments". Our guests were our faculty and their wives, and our sweethearts. The men all in tails and top hats and the ladies in lovely evening gowns, some with daringly split skirts. We did use powder but we had to surreptitiously rub our cheeks to have high color and we didn't even surreptitiously smoke! We came in hired limousines since there were very few who owned automobiles then. Certainly no one in our chapter! Our hearts were "young and gay". There was a war in Europe but we were hardly aware of it. We had a little uneasiness that we might become involved! It was all very remote. This banquet of 1944 was so different. There was an undertone of sadness and anxiety. There was scarcely a woman present but had a father, a brother, a husband, or a son in uniform and many of them in remote unpronounceable places of the world. We missed the men and the lift that they give to any important celebration. We talked of Tarawa, Corregidor, New Guinea, Australia, and they were near places because of loved ones. Our toastmistress's young son had just gone. Mrs Doherty and Vera left early to talk long distance with their son and brother. Yet here we were seeking and finding fellowship in Theta, cementing bonds of sisterhood which will help throughout our lives to bring happiness.

I remembered that small Pittsburgh alumnae chapter which did so much to help us at our installation. I looked at the ones present and felt grateful to them for the years of service and interest that they have given Theta. Then I thought of the charter members of Alpha Omega, a group of intelligent, serious, purposeful girls, truly an "earnest working band". I saw the ones present of that band and thought of the absent ones. I felt proud that they had fulfilled their early promise. They all had become women of integrity, filling their places in life honorably.

I remembered Theta's then vice-president, Hope Davis Mecklin, later Grand president, who through us had met her fate in our beloved professor of philosophy, Dr John Martin Mecklin. Her love story is told to every Alpha Omega pledge and is one of the chapter's cherished traditions. She organized the first city Panhellenic in Pittsburgh. She came to live in Pittsburgh and Alpha Omega and Pittsburgh alumnae had the privilege of her guidance for several

years. I truly believe that Kappa Alpha Theta's enviable position in Pittsburgh is largely due to her beneficent influence.

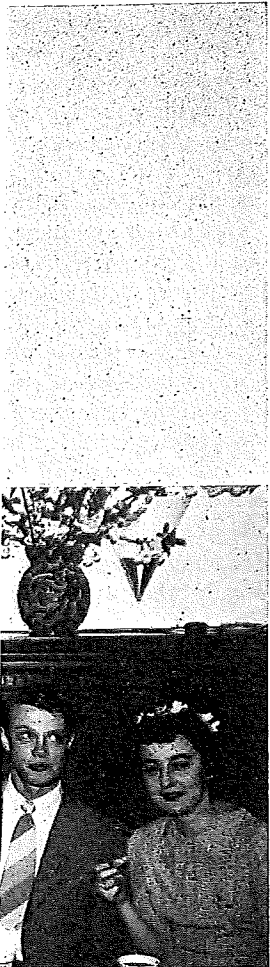
Then I looked at the lovely young women in our new chapter. Mrs Doherty, wife of the President of Carnegie Tech and mother of Vera Doherty, one of the charter members of Gamma Theta, really introduced me to them, by telling me of the talents of each girl as we picked them out around the room. There was Suzanne Berry who had won first prize for writing and producing a play; Doty King, the sculptress; all in art, music, architecture, painting, and design. All talented girls of great promise. I realized that it is going to be challenging and interesting to work with this group.

I listened with pride to the toastmistress, Sarah Anderson Bartholomew, president of Pittsburgh alumnae chapter. She made an excellent toastmistress: to our Grand president, Pearl Higbie who captured everyone with her charm and sincerity; to our Grand treasurer, Mrs Moore, who is a very witty speaker and can ad lib beautifully; to Alpha Omega's president, Barbara Kohberger, as she welcomed the Gamma Thetas for Alpha Omega; to Martie Cole as she responded for Gamma Theta; but the high light of the banquet came to me when Mary Porter Boss, who took part in the celebration in 1915, gave to the new chapter a recipe for happiness. "Associate yourselves with something fine and then give all you have in you to it". She told them that she hoped that their associations with Theta would bring them as much joy as she had had in Theta through the years. I realized that the Gamma Thetas had been given a real recipe for happiness. I know through the continuity of our Theta experiences which have been cherished in Pittsburgh by the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter and Alpha Omega, the lives of these girls will be enriched and that their association with Theta will bring them much happiness.

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### Neighborhood opinion

In keeping with custom each college chapter in District III (where Gamma Theta belongs) sent an official delegate to installation, and most of them sent unofficial delegates too. These representatives were:—*Gamma deuterion*, Corrine Reed, Mary Zeigler, Helen Geesey; *Mu*:



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Caroline Dawson and Betty Lee; *Alpha Gamma*, Ann Buker, Caroline Gibson, Dorothy Mossburger, Mary Carlisle; *Alpha Tau*, Mrs Doris Adams Norton and Jean Stewart; *Alpha Omega*, Barbara Kohberger, chapter president, and all the rest of the chapter; *Beta Tau*, Helen Boggie, Jacqueline Campbell. Then the, until that week-end, Baby chapter, Gamma Eta at Massachusetts State, though not in the district,

installation." Doris Adams Norton, *Alpha Tau*.

"Gamma Theta is a chapter to watch. Its personnel spells personality plus—being a perfect example of the diversity of Theta material. They can do about everything and anything, from the best singing, to the hardest labor." Caroline Dawson, *Mu*.

"The entire installation program was a grand inspiration to me. I loved comparing notes with Thetas from other chapters on songs, customs, and activities. I am sure Gamma Theta will be a strong link in the Theta chain. It was a thrill to meet the girls from Massachusetts, and it was interesting to see how each Theta makes a fine addition to Kappa Alpha Theta". Corrine Reed, *Gamma deuteron*.

"The spirit of Theta reigned high the week-end of installation of Gamma Theta. I had many thrills and experiences that week-end that I shall long remember." Helen Boggis, *Beta Tau*.

### Beta Theta's Mothers' club

This already active aid came to Kappa Alpha Theta with the new chapter

Beta Tau Lambda Mothers' club was organized May 9, 1942, with twenty-six charter members. The club was organized with the idea to help girls who needed scholarships. During



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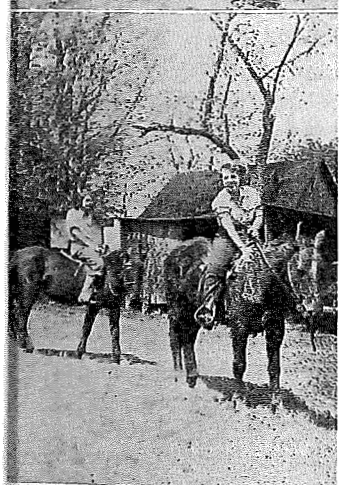
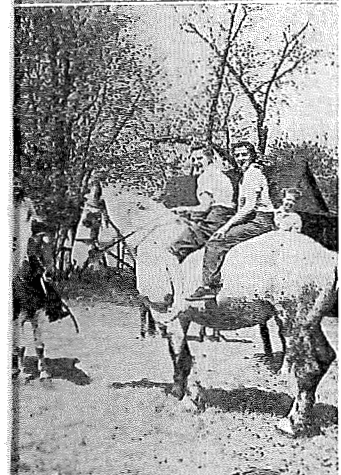
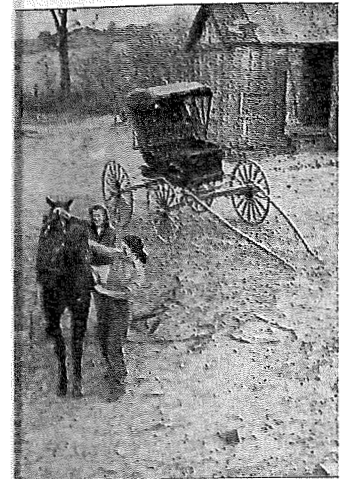
sent four delegates—Betty Clapp, Marjorie Gunther, Patricia Andersen, and Dorothy Johnson: for their impressions see page 25.

"Being initiated into Theta impressed me more than I had ever been impressed before. Seeing Gamma Theta installed impressed me just as much. The girls in the new chapter are outstanding. They have real Theta friendliness and loyalty." Ann Buker, *Alpha Gamma*.

"Gamma Theta was very impressive. I also congratulate Alpha Omega on its part in the



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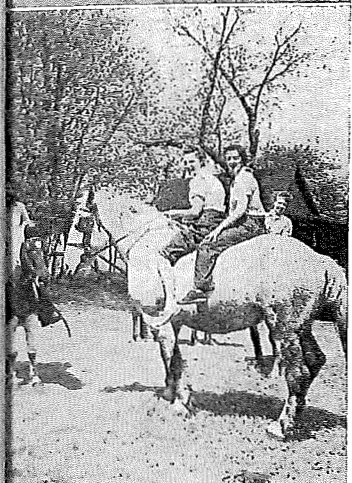
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### Gamma Thetas Celebrate Installation

The end of the term at Carnegie Tech and initiation into Theta came the same week, the last in April. The first plans we made as Thetas were for a vacation week at Dottie King's cottage in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. By train and by car, we made our way to Stony-crest and proceeded to "go rural". Relaxation was in order after the recent strenuous activities of exams and installation.

The weather was excellent and unusually warm for May in Ligonier. Peggy Cole, Dottie, and Prissy Dodge proudly displayed their sunburn long after the week was over.

A friendly neighbor loaned us a buggy with a horse, "Marge", and harness. The process of putting all three items together caused us a good deal of time and confusion. We didn't know harness came in so many pieces. Marge patiently allowed us to figure it out, so that we finally zigzagged down the road with only one band reversed, but Marge pulled unconcernedly until a farmer enlightened us. Not satisfied with buggy riding, we collected the equine wonders of the neighborhood and distributed ourselves on one very small pony, one very large and timid work-horse, a part-horse, part-pony personality, and Marge.

That evening, we went to a country wedding and then to the "serenade" that began as soon as it was dark. Most of us had never known about this custom, and we observed the deafening celebration with great interest. Too tired to go to bed we went on into Ligonier and square-danced for several hours.

It seemed that we had hardly started our wading, riding, sunbathing and feasting until it was Saturday. The day we all donned Peggy Cole's broomstick skirts to go shopping became one of Gamma Theta's happy memories within a week of fun as we returned home. Each of us took up her summer job with renewed energy, and we hope for such a vacation every year.

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