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**List of Chapter Officers to Grand Secretary.**
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- October 14**      **Founders' Day.**  
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# DETROIT . . .

## *The Convention City of America*

**W**E OMICRON GIRLS are very fortunate to be able to entertain Lambda Kappa Sigma in 1940 in Detroit—home to us, and often rated the ideal convention city of the country. It is ideal because of hospitality, location, sites, and numerous additional features.

As for hospitality—we'll do our very utmost to demonstrate that in 1940, and the bigger our chance the better we'll like it.

We are very centrally located, and you see this is not only in our favor, but has a very great advantage for all of you.

We can boast sites and places of interest that cannot be equalled. Ford's automobile plant; Parke-Davis and Company, the largest company of its kind in the world; Father Coughlin's famous Shrine of the Little Flower is a very short distance from the city; Greenfield Village, Ford's model town lures people to return many times. Our Art Institute and Public Library are not to be sneezed at.

And now for a few "did you know's":

Did you know that Canada is just across the river—and to the south of us at that?

Did you know that our own Wayne University, a municipal institution, is proud of such a large enrollment that it rates with the largest universities in the country?

Did you know that Detroit is a city of a million and a half?

Did you know that as you read this, the 1940 Convention is a little more than a year away?

MARJORIE MANRING



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## **Interesting News in Pharmacy**

*And Excerpts from Here and There*

By IDA S. BUSCH

### *Cosmetics*

**S**PONGE RUBBER POWDER PUFFS: An interesting innovation is the use of a fine rubber sponge for powder puffs. It holds powder nicely, applies well, and has the advantage of being easily cleaned. There are also, we are told, excellent possibilities for using this material for applying other types of cosmetics.

**BUBBLE BATH:** The foam or bubble bath has gone through the country like a hurricane. At first a curiosity, now it can be found in the line-up of the best houses. The product has double merit. Not only as a vehicle for color and perfume, but also tends to prevent the formation of the well-known "bath tub ring." The base of these preparations is always a very soluble wetting agent, capable of giving a lot of foam in the hardest of waters. Big difficulty is finding a soluble wetting agent since most of them dissolve only to the extent of 3% or thereabouts.

**YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD THIS:** This shouldn't come under a heading of news, but just in case you didn't know, the Hussy lipstick outsells the Lady lipstick, five to one.

**DEODORANT COLOGNE:** We've been hearing a little about a new vogue . . . a cologne perfume with deodorant properties. When used as a toilet water, the product not only perfumes the skin, but acts as a deodorant as well. Especially useful to people suffering from odorous sweat and foot bromidrosis. This idea has not gained full momentum as yet, but big things . . . we predict . . . are sure to come. It sounds like a pretty good idea.

**OILY MAKE-UP:** Started as a one-person publicity stunt, but now looks like everyone will be doing it. Yes, the new trend for make-up that leaves the skin shiny and oily, rather than with a dull finish . . . as has so long been popular. The powder used is in liquid or cream form. After spreading the skin looks oily. Paste, or cream rouge and lipstick completes the make-up. Several houses are in it now, though you haven't heard much about it. Seems a good idea for dry skins especially . . . since most skins are dry, you can imagine how popular it might get to be.

### *Pharmacy*

**NEW TYPE DISPENSER:** Accurate doses of liquid medicine can be taken easily and quickly without customary teaspoon, the inventor of a new type container-dispenser claims. This device consists of a tube which is attached to the closure and which dips into the liquid in the bottle, and which projects through the opening of the closure. The patient merely has to draw out a dose predetermined by the position of the adjusted tube and markings. The inventor claims accuracy and convenience since the medicine in the dispenser can be taken in the office, at school or while traveling. With a special container-dispenser for hospitals, the patient need not be disturbed, he continues. A tube is placed in the patient's mouth by an attendant who then unscrews a bottom cap which admits air and releases an exact dose of the liquid. We wonder?

**HERB EXTRACT OFFERS NEW HOPE FOR ORAL INSULIN:** Experiments on an old Indian Herb remedy which may lead to the discovery of a new insulin source or a substitute and eliminate the hypodermic injections are described in the *Canadian Medical Journal*. Two British Columbian physicians report that an extract made by boiling bark from the roots of the "devil's club," a shrub that grows wild in great abundance along the coast has given remarkable results in a test group of diabetic rabbits. This extract is taken through the mouth rather than by injection.

**CLAIM ISOLATION OF PURE CRYSTALS OF VITAMIN K:** Isolation of crystals believed to be pure Vitamin K because they have a greater potency than any other fraction previously identified, and were crystallized in a variety of solvents without the loss of potency, was announced by biochemists of the University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Vitamin K is fat-soluble, occurring in hog-liver, hemp-seed, cereals, and vegetables, which appears to accelerate the clotting of blood in chickens.

**POISON IVY:** An antidote for ivy poisoning now on the market, is described as a solvent for the poison ivy oil which lodges in the sweat glands rather than as a palliative.

**PRESERVES COLOR OF FRUITS:** Peeled apples, sliced potatoes, pears, bananas, figs, and other foods will not turn color, even after weeks of exposure if they are dipped into thiocarbamide, it is claimed in a patent granted in Yonkers, New York. The thiocarbamide apparently prevents oxygen from acting on the cut surfaces and, in small quantities used (about .1%) is said to be tasteless.

**ACETIC ACID HAS TOXIC EFFECT ON MOLDS:** Acetic and other innocu-

ous fatty acids of this series have a remarkable toxic effect on the growth of bread molds, it is revealed in a recent article. The pH must be kept low, since values of 5.5-6.0 have only a slight effect. It is believed that successful application of this principle in other than food or baker's products is possible.

### *Therapy*

**ABSORPTION OF ALCOHOL THROUGH THE SKIN:** Although fatal alcohol poisoning has been reported following the application of alcohol dressings on the skin of a burned individual, no recorded case has been found of intoxication due to absorption through the normal skin. Experiments have been performed recently to determine the possibility of absorption of alcohol through the normal skin. After eliminating the possibility of inhalation of the alcohol, two small children were given alcohol rubs lasting 8 minutes. Definite absorption of alcohol was demonstrated by a maximum alcohol concentration of the urine of 0.025 per cent. David I. Macht finds that the essential or volatile oils are readily absorbed through intact skins and suggests their use for the absorption of alkaloids and other drugs. Ethel alcohol apparently compared unfavorably in its penetrability of the skin with the numerous substances tested by Macht. *J.A.M.A.*, Vol. 111, p. 271.

**CONTROL OF FAT METABOLISM:** A patent which may open a new chapter in insulin therapy has just been issued to three inventors in Chicago, Illinois. It tells of the preparation of a substance from the pancreas which, although associated with insulin, apparently has a specific function of its own . . . that of controlling fat metabolism. At least, fatty infiltration and degeneration can be prevented if parenteral administrations of insulin are augmented by oral doses of the substance, assert the inventors, in describing a series of experiments with completely de-pancreatized dogs. Also when degeneration and fatty infiltration have already occurred, doses of the substance can reverse the degenerative process, they say. The inventors believe that this substance is a specific hormone. Is this the boon to womankind for which we have been waiting? Does this spell the end of Hollywood diets? It is still too early to tell.

**ECZEMA AND FATTY ACIDS:** The content of the unsaturated fatty acids in the normal human serum is definitely diminished in children suffering from eczema. Normally, Linoleic acid is present to the extent of 5% of the fatty acid totals and arachidonic acid, 3%. In patients with active eczema which has been clinically cured either by the internal administration of oils rich in the unsaturated fatty acids or by local application of ointments containing crude coal tar or by both, the arachidonic content of the serum was not increased, while the linoleic acid content was the same as found in normal subjects. These findings indicate a possible reason for the low iodine number of fatty acids of the serum in cases of eczema and further suggests that a disturbance in the metabolism of the unsaturated fatty acids may be one of the many

factors at fault in this condition. Brown and Hansen. *Proc. Soc. Exper., Bio. & Med.*, Vol. 36, p. 113.

COD LIVER OIL IN HEALING ULCERS: The *Am. Surg.*, Vol. 108, p. 141, describes the use of Cod Liver Oil in healing ulcer lesions. Two groups of diabetic patients were observed, one a control group of eleven patients who had received routine foot care for a period of from 1 to 136 weeks, and group 2, consisting of twenty-one patients who had received similar foot care. Cod liver oil was used as a local application to the lesions. Of these twenty-one patients only one failed to heal completely, while in the first group of eleven, three were unhealed, nine improved, one healed completely, and eight recurred after 13-32 weeks of treatment. The average time required for the complete healing of the ulcers, in the twenty cases in which healing occurred was 10.1 weeks. The average duration of the same ulcers prior to cod liver oil therapy was 24 weeks. The healing evidently resulted from the rapid increase in epithelial tissue regeneration. As this took place the tissue assumed a healthier appearance and the uneven margins smoothed out. Interesting, eh what!

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## More News from the A. Ph. A. Convention

**T**HE MEMBERS of Lambda Kappa Sigma in attendance at the 86th meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which was held in Minneapolis the latter part of August, met and had luncheon together at the Nicollet Hotel. The following women were present at the luncheon: Katherine Graham, Chicago; Clara E. Younghen; Betty H. Goodness; Myrtle W. Newton, Boston; Ina Griffith, Norman, Oklahoma; Nellie P. Watts, Akron, Ohio; Marguerite S. Cook, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; Serena Torberg Jenkins, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Virginia Lebo Osol, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Fanchon Hart, New York, New York; E. Marilla Ballard, Mt. Vernon, New York; Mary Fields DuMez, Baltimore, Maryland; Dorothy Davis, Chicago; Pearl C. Niles, Phi chapter, Indianapolis, Indiana; B. Olive Cole, Epsilon chapter, Baltimore, Maryland; AnnaBee Webster, Gamma chapter, Oak Park, Illinois; Margaret Anston, Los Angeles, California.

The luncheon assembly recommended to the Grand Council that a record book be purchased for these annual luncheons to record attendance and minutes of the meeting, etc. AnnaBee Webster very graciously made the arrangements for the luncheon and for the presentation of the gift for the American Institute of pharmacy, and we wish to thank her at this time for the interest and genuine support she rendered to the sorority in handling these matters. The Grand Council will consider the recommendation made, at its next meeting.

# Drugs Used in Surgical Premedication

By MARGARET GARTHE, *Mu*

**T**HE SUPPRESSION of pain and the production of anesthesia both depend upon a depression of the excitability of cell protoplasm in portions of the central nervous system.

To age is attributed much of the difficulty which is encountered in the choice and dosage of the drugs for the relief of pain or for anesthesia in children. Strength, temperature, emotional state, bodily comfort, and endocrine activity are the five commonest influences affecting children.

In considering a dose for a drug for a child you must consider his stature and weight and how much of an increase he has made in these two during the last two years. If the youngster is exceptionally strong and active, if high fever is present, and if he is frightened and in severe pain the drug dosage necessary to make the child comfortable may approach that dose commonly administered to an adult. If the child is weak and frail only a small fraction of the former dose is given.

In general, there are two classes of non-volatile sedative drugs which are used to make patients comfortable or to prepare them for inhalation anesthesia. One group composed of scopolamine and barbituric acid derivatives and the other group, the coal tar derivatives.

Experimental as well as clinical experience has proven that scopolamine and morphine administered together give much more satisfactory results than either alone. The undesirable effects of morphine such as respiratory depression and nausea are less frequent and less marked when the dose is combined with scopolamine. Likewise the undesirable affects of scopolamine such as restlessness, talkativeness, unco-operativeness are seldom seen after combined medication. The majority of the adult patients require a ration of 25 parts of morphine to one part of scopolamine. Smaller doses are made for children. If myosis and respiratory depression follow the first dose, the second should consist of a larger amount of scopolamine and little or no morphine whereas midriases, restlessness, and extreme flushing of the face with fast respiration are present, then morphine should predominate in the second dose.

Premedication dosage in anesthesia which has been correctly estimated as to quantity and time of administration can aid the anesthetist greatly. A desirable time between the hypodermic of morphine and scopolamine and the induction of anesthesia is one and one-half hours. Time interval between administration of premedication and induction of inhalation is important as the dose of the agent.

The technique of inhalation anesthesia in children should be aimed at providing an atmosphere of adequate tension of the anesthetic agent and of oxygen. Careful supervision throughout the period of anesthetic drug action is essential.

## W. P. P. A. News

**L**AMBDA KAPPA SIGMA is now a member of the Women's Professional Panhellenic Association.

I have just received a list of member fraternities and find them located in thirty-nine states in United States, France, and British Columbia.

I am only listing those located near our chapters.

California: University of California; Phi Delta Delta, Kappa Beta Pi, Phi Chi Theta. University of Southern California; Zeta Phi Eta, Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Beta, Phi Delta Delta, Delta Psi Kappa, Kappa Beta Pi, Phi Chi Theta, and others in California.

Illinois: Northwestern University; Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Beta.

Chicago: Kappa Beta Pi, Phi Chi Theta, Phi Gamma Nu and many others.

Idaho: University of Idaho: Phi Chi Theta, Sigma Alpha Iota.

Iowa: University of Iowa: Zeta Phi Eta, Kappa Beta Pi, Phi Gamma Nu.

Maryland: University of Maryland: Phi Delta Delta.

Massachusetts: Boston University: Phi Chi Theta, Phi Gamma Nu, Kappa Beta Pi and others.

Michigan: Ann Arbor, University of Michigan: Kappa Beta Pi, Zeta Phi Eta, Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Delta Delta. Detroit Conservatory of Music: Sigma Alpha Iota, and others.

Nebraska: University of Nebraska: Sigma Alpha Iota, Delta Omicron, Phi Chi Theta.

Peru State Teachers College: Kappa Omicron Phi.

New Jersey: Newark. Delta Psi Kappa, Phi Delta Pi, at Panzer College of Physical Education and others.

New York: Columbia University: Kappa Beta Pi, Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Chi Theta and others.

Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma: Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Beta Pi and others.

Oregon: Portland Northwestern College of Law: Phi Delta Delta.

Pennsylvania: Drexel University: Sigma Sigma Sigma. Temple University, Phi Gamma Nu, Phi Delta Pi, Phi Delta Delta, Delta Psi Kappa.

University of Pittsburgh: Phi Chi Theta, Phi Delta Delta and others.

Washington: Seattle. University of Washington: Zeta Phi Eta, Phi Delta Delta.

Joint meetings are held by member sororities in many cities. Why not have your President try to contact the members of W.P.P.A. and plan a get together. Let them know that we are a member fraternity they will be glad to have as a member.

The cost of the W.P.P.A. bulletin is forty cents per year for four issues.

Their biennial convention is to be held the latter part of October 1939 in Washington, D.C. at the Wardman Park Hotel.

CORA CRAVEN

# The Pharmaceutical Litterateur

By MARY SWISHER, *Upsilon*

**T**HROUGH poetry and prose, in fiction and semi-fiction have been handed down descriptions, recipes and formulae; jests, praises and disgusts for the pharmacist, his methods and materials.

Even as early as Burton's *Arabian Nights* we find vivid prose and poetic descriptions of the Arab Banj (bhang, a product of cannabis). "The most artful Bhang mixture was probably 'Concentrated Bhang mixed with Opium, a drachm whereof would overthrow an elephant.'" And a description of the results: "Hardly had it settled well in his stomach when his head farwent his feet and he was as though he had been a year asleep." In the same works<sup>1</sup> is given their Hashish formula: "Quoth the Sultan, 'And what may be thy description of Hashish?' Replied the Wazir,

" 'Tis composed of hemp leaflets whereto are added aromatic roots and somewhat of sugar; then they cook it and prepare a kind of confection which they eat, but who so eateth it (especially if he eat more than enough), talketh of matters which reason may on no wise represent.' "

The Arabs' antidotes as given in the same stories are two of similar nature: "So he made him smell vinegar and frankincense."<sup>2</sup> "So they made him sniff vinegar, and he came to himself."<sup>3</sup>

Farther back than this are the old Greek myths and the poetry inspired by the Greek gods. Homer describes Peon, the physician of Olympus, in his *Iliad*.

Peon sprinkling heavenly balm around,  
Assuaged the glowing pangs and closed the wound.

The quotation on *The Arms of the Society of Apothecaries*, "Opiferque per orbem dicor," is versified by Dryden. The wrathful words are allegedly spoken by Apollo when one of his loves is diverted by Cupid.

Medicine is mine, what herbs and simples grow  
In fields and forests, all their powers I know,  
And am the great physician called below.

According to these myths Prometheus is the first pharmacist, as is seen in Dean Plumptre's rendition.

If any one fell ill  
There was no help for him nor healing balm,  
Nor unguent, nor yet potion; but for want  
Of drugs they wasted till I showed to them  
The blendings of all mild medicaments  
Wherewith they ward the attacks of sickness sore.

<sup>1</sup> *Yale of the Sazi and the Bhang Eater*, Vol. xv: pp. 194-241.

<sup>2</sup> Vol. xi: p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Vol. xi: p. 5.

In Pope's translation of *Iliad* the Centaur—from whom the Centaury is named—teaches others the uses of medicine.

With lukewarm water wash the gore away  
 With healing balms the raging smart allay  
 Such as sage Chiron, sire of pharmacy,  
 Once taught Achilles, and Achilles thee.

The Archbishop of Tyre in Scott's *Talisman* gives us his quaint idea of pharmacists.

Mediciners, like the medicines which they employ, are often useful, though the one were by birth and manners the vilest of humanity as the others are in many cases extracted from the basest materials. Men may use the assistance of pagans and infidels in their need, and there is reason to think that one cause of their being permitted to remain on earth is that they might minister to the convenience of true Christians.

Longfellow too must have his sport, as in *Golden Legend*:

For none but a clever dialectician  
 Can hope to become a great physician:  
 That has been settled long ago.  
 Logic makes an important part  
 Of the mystery of the healing art;  
 For without it how could you hope to show  
 That nobody knows so much as you know.

Wootten<sup>4</sup> describes Chaucer as "gently sarcastic" in his treatment of the Doctor in *Doctour of Phisikie*.

Well could he fortune the ascendant  
 Of his images for his patient  
 He knew the cause of every malady  
 Were it of cold, or hot, or moist, or dry,  
 And where engendered and of what humour.  
 He was a very perfect practisour.

A sample of the ever charming Old English is taken from the Royal Library at Stockholm.

ffor defhed of ye hed  
 For defhed of hed & for dullerynge  
 I fynde wrete dyuers thyng  
 Take oporcyon (a portion) of boiys vryne  
 And mege it wt honey good & fyne  
 And i ye ere late it caste  
 Ye herynge schal amede in haste.

During the feuds of the physicians and pharmacists in England, Pope gives us the view of the physician.<sup>5</sup>

Modern pothecaries, taught the art  
 By doctors' bills to play the doctors' part  
 Bold in the practice of mistaken rules,  
 Prescribe, apply, and call their masters fools.

<sup>4</sup> *Chronicles of Pharmacy*, Vol. 1: p. 133.

<sup>5</sup> From *Essay on Criticism*.

On magic and medicine we have the excerpts from Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*.

Amulets and things to be borne about I find prescribed, taxed by some, approved by others. Look for them in Mizaldus, Porta, Albertus, etc. A ring made with the hoof of an ass's right forefoot, carried about, etc. I say, with Renodeus, they are not altogether to be rejected. Piony doth help epilepsies. Pretious stones most diseases. . . . Such medicines are to be exploded that consist of words, characters, spells, and charms, which can do no good at all, but out of strong conceit, as Pomponatus proves, or the devil's policy, that is the first founder and teacher of them.

First mention of "Abracadabra" appears in the third century poem, *De Medicina Praecepta Saluberrima*, written by the Roman physician, Quintus Serenus Samonicus.

Inscribis chartae, quod dicitur Abracadabra,  
Saepius: et subter repetas, sed detrahe summae,  
Et magis atque magis desint elementa figuris  
Singula, quae semper rapies et coetera figes,  
Donec in angustam redigatur litera conum.  
His lino nexis collum redimire memento.

Translating the poem is as fascinating as the mystic Abracadabra itself.

That the ancients set great store in the actions of precious stones is illustrated in Rev. C. W. King's translation of *On Stones*.

With its complexion of a lovely boy  
The opal fills the hearts of gods with joy;  
Whilst by the mild effulgence of its light  
Its healing power restores the fading sight.

On pharmacopœias is an excerpt from *Don Juan*, by Byron.

But here is one prescription out of many:—  
Soda Sulphat. ʒ vi, ʒ ss Mannæ optim.,  
Aq. fervent. fʒiiss, ʒ ii Tinct. Sennæ  
Haustus (and here the Surgeon came and cupp'd him),  
R. Pulv. Com. gr. iii Ipecacuanhæ  
(With more besides if Juan had not stopp'd 'em).  
Bolus Potassæ Sulphuret sumendus,  
Et haustus ter in die capiendus.

And we are all familiar with the scene from *Romeo and Juliet* wherein Romeo obtains a poison from the apothecary before going to the tomb of Juliet. The scene appears in both Shakespeare's original and revised versions. Brook's version, *The Tragical Historic of Romeus and Juliet*, recalls to mind the trust placed in the pharmacist.

The wretch by covetisse is won and doth assent  
To sell the thing whose sale ere long too late he doth repent.  
In haste he poison sought and closely he it bound  
And then began in whispering voice thus in his ear to round:  
"Fair Sir (quoth he), be sure this is the speeding gear,  
And more there is than you shall need; for half of that is there  
Will serve, I undertake, in less than half an hour  
To kill the strongest man alive. Such is the poison's power."

Crabbe lends a humorous piece to the cause of empirical pharmacy.

From powerful causes spring the empiric's gains,  
 Man's love of life, his weakness, and his pains;  
 These first induce him the vile trash to try,  
 Then lend his name that other men may buy.

Contrasting with modern advertising in style and paralleling in its quackery is this item from the files of Reed's *Weekly Journal*, February 22, 1722:

To all retailers and others. The general cordial formerly sold by Mr. Thomas Godfrey, of Hunsdon, in Hertfordshire, deceas'd, is now prepared according to a receipt written by his own hand, and by him given to my wife, his relation, is now sold by me Tho. Humphreys of Ware, in the said county, Surgeon, or at John Humphreys, at the Head and Sheers in Jewin Street, near Cripplegate, London. Also may be furnished with Arcanums and Vomits, and will be allowed the same for selling as formerly.

The cryptic Pope puts a quip in the couplet:

Of late, without the least pretence to skill,  
 Ward's grown a famed physician by a pill.

Another quack whose healing power undoubtedly lay in his glibness rather than in his therapeutic knowledge is quoted from the Earl of Rochester's *Notes and Queries*.

I am the famed Paracelsus of the age, by name Segnior Doloso Euprontorio, son of that wonder-working Chymist lately deceased in Alsatia and famed through exaltation of Titan to his occidental declination, who in pity to his own dear self and other mortals has by the prayers and solicitations of divers Kings, Emperors, Princes, Lords, Gentlemen, and other Personages been prevailed with to oblige the world with notice to all persons, young and old, lame and blind, that they may know where to repair for their speedy cure in all Cephalgies, Orantalgies, Paralytical Paroxysms, Rheumatisms, Gout, Fevers, Fractures, Dislocations, and all other Distempers incident to the human Body, external or internal, acute or chronic, curable or incurable.

My medicines are the Quintessence of Pharmaceutical Energy; the Cures I have done are beyond the art of the whole World.

I have an excellent hypontical, captical, odoriferous, carminative, renovative, stiptical, corroboratory Balsam of Balsams, made of dead men's fat, rosin, and goosegrease. It is the true Pharmacopœia of Hermes Trismegistus, the true Pentemagon of the triple kingdom, which works seven several ways, and is seven years preparing, which being exactly completed secundem artem by Fermentations, Solutions, Sublimations, Petrefactions, Rectifications, Quidlibelifications in Blanea Mariæ in the Crucible, becomes Nature's Palladium, Health's Magazine. One drachm of which is worth a Bushel of March dust. For if any of you chance to have your heads cut off or your brains beat out, ten drops of this seasonably applied will recall the fleeting spirits reigning through the deposed Archeus, and in six minutes will restore the departed rational and animal.

And there are many, many more of these examples, some of them amusing and some amazing, some of them interesting and some irksome; but is it not interesting to peruse these literary remarks?

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The Editor wishes to correct a typographical error which occurred in the Grand Secretary's report in the December issue. The statement which read "The Convention Fund of \$75,000 over a two-year period of \$37.50 each year," should have been "The Convention Fund of \$75.00 over a two-year period of \$37.50 each year."

# Chapter Reports

## *Alpha Graduate Chapter, Boston, Mass.*

January twenty-fourth was the date of our last business meeting. It was held at the home of our president Caroline Galassi with quite a few members present. We were more than pleased to have our Founder Miss Heath with us.

The proceeds from our Christmas Fair helped to swell the treasury, the result of which we were able to start in a small way a "Lambda Kappa Sigma" scholarship fund and I honestly believe that everyone at the meeting felt that we had really accomplished something worth while.

Sometime in April we are going to have a "Musical" at the college. Every member has been asked to bring their friends that helped increase the Convention Fund by supporting the many affairs that we had to raise the necessary amount of money. We feel that in this way we can show these friends our appreciation for their co-operation.

A nominating committee was chosen for the election of new officers in the spring. It doesn't seem possible that two years could pass so quickly.

After the meeting I saw Estelle Arzoomanian showing Betty Goodness some of the Rumba bracelets that she had brought back from Cuba. A scrap book edited by yours truly (the work by friend husband) was shown to the girls. This book contains all newspaper clippings and other articles as well as pictures concerning the Convention and is to be kept at the college.

As our meeting came to a close you could hear Adele Lang and Eleanor Fermano talking about their babies, comparing notes as to weight, formulas and other things new mothers always talk about. We also speculated as to whether Mary Gilbert's "bundle of love" will be a girl or boy. I'm afraid we will have to wait until February to satisfy our curiosity. Ruth Flaherty drove Gladys Driscoll and myself home. Our New England weather made the roads as smooth as glass for our return and so like good baseball players we slid home safely.

ELEANOR FERMANO

## *Alpha Chapter, Boston, Mass.*

If we don't make the "deadline" this time, we deserve any punishment that we may receive. Our complete lack of ambition since the Convention is our only excuse. Not that we have been inactive—no, just negligent (or do they call it "lazy" these days?).

To go into ancient history, last October Marion Cobb entertained the chapter at a combination Founders' Day celebration, birthday party and initiation. Miss Heath was guest of honor. We went "in town" to dinner and from there to Marion's apartment. Beatrice Gosselin was formally initiated; and then, much to the surprise of Ruth Bahosh and Carolyn Cangiano, we proceeded to celebrate their birthdays. Everyone had such a good time that some of the girls came pretty near missing their last train home.

Also in October, we enjoyed the annual "Harvest Supper" given by the Graduate Chapter. It was certainly inspiring to find lots of "sorority spirit" still in existence despite the expected Post-Convention let-down.

The Bazaar held in December with the Graduate Chapter, was the only money-making affair of the year. We raised enough to pay our convention fee and had a good time doing it. Our chapter provided the supper, and to the great amazement of many of us, we enjoyed doing it.

After returning from the Christmas vacation, we held a real "Friday, the 13th" party. We had dinner at the Ambassador and then went to see "The Son of Frankenstein." It wasn't as horrible as we had been led to believe it would be; but

we enjoyed some good laughs at the expressions on some of the girls' faces.

Due to a serious illness, Eva Lawdansky has been obliged to leave school. We are all very sorry and hope that she'll be well very soon.

Marion Cobb has had several streaks of bad luck this year: During the holidays, she was in an auto accident and broke her nose. And, at present, as a result of that accident she is in the hospital with a sore leg. If good wishes help any, Marion will be back very, very soon.

So there are our doings for this Fall. We hope we are forgiven for our past "relapse."

MYRBEL NEWTON

### *Beta Chapter, Albany, N.Y.*

Beta chapter has again come through examinations and is beginning to sit up and take notice of the surrounding world. We are holding our pledging the first week of February for two new members, Doris Colby and Jane Wilson. We are planning another dance in February and everyone is going to work extra hard to make it as great a success as the last one. Just before our Christmas vacation, our Vice-President, Frances Minkoff, gave a party for the chapter at her home. The party was a delightful affair, long to be remembered. We wish to extend our best wishes to our sister chapters and hope that everyone passed their mid-years successfully.

MARTHA LOTZ

### *Gamma and Gamma Graduate Chapters, Chicago, Ill.*

On December 22, 1938, our annual Christmas party was held at the Chicago Woman's Club. This party was another proof that all our Christmas gatherings are exceptionally jolly and gay. Florence Hatter proved a most capable and charming hostess. Alice Adler Siwicki again impersonated Santa Claus, and what a good natured Santa she does make. Many clever games were played and lovely prizes were given. The get-acquainted rush party held at the College of Pharmacy was a huge success. Twelve rushees and over thirty regular members attended. A delicious supper was served under the expert guidance of Harriet Kuszejko and one and all did it justice. While we were still at the table Barbara Collins gave a short sketch on the aims and meaning of the sorority and its history, and Anna Bee Webster gave a brief report of the sorority activities at the A.Ph.A. Convention the past summer. Following the departure of our guests a regular meeting was held.

Our January business meeting was held at the Great Northern Hotel on January 27, when plans for the remainder of the year were outlined. Hygeia Day will be celebrated on March 9, with Anna Bee Webster serving as chairman. Women pharmacists of Chicago will be our guests on this occasion. A Monte Carlo party is scheduled for April with Bessie Burda as chairman and Elvera Dressler as co-chairman.

### *Personals*

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, our beloved Dean, William Baker Day, passed peacefully to the Great Beyond. Those of us who knew him as a teacher and Dean remember with deepest gratitude his many acts of kindness and helpfulness.

Our president, Harriet Lescauski, lost her only brother in January; to her goes our most sincere sympathy.

Barbara Collins lost an argument with a taxi cab one evening the latter part of January. Result: one badly damaged car (hers), one completely deflated pride, one severe case of the jitters, one scarred pedal extremity, assorted bruises and stiff muscles (all hers).

The gad-about of Gamma chapter, in the person of Ethel Herdlicka, just returned from a two week sojourn in Mexico. While in Mexico City she tried to locate a former member of Gamma chapter, Josephine Lupian, to learn that Jo, now Mrs. D'Alvarez, had just become the mother of a baby girl.

MILDRED SCHWABA

*Delta Chapter, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

It is with deepest regret that we must announce that our president, Peggy Wade Brunk, has left Pharmacy school and has moved to Fairmont, W.Va. We're sorry that you had to leave, Peggy; we all miss you very much. Your fair-mindedness and your grand sportsmanship have endeared you not only to the sorority, but to all who knew you. The best of health and good luck to you and yours. The duties of the president have been taken over by our vice-president, Marcella Kunz, for the remainder of the term. She sincerely hopes that she will make as good a president as Peggy was, but she will surely have to "go some" to do that.

On January 18 the following five freshman girls were pledged to the sorority: Marguerite Stuchell, Clara Diamond, Betty Howard, Matilda Moravek, and Jane Fowlston. "Hell week" begins on February 13, followed by formal initiation on the 27th.

Thelma Glick is initiation chairman, and Cora Jean Klein is in charge of refreshments and decoration. In January we held a roller-skating party which was quite successful and loads of fun. Another one is being planned for early spring. Any suggestions on "how to increase the sorority treasury" by other chapters would be welcome and greatly appreciated. Let us hear from some of you soon. Best wishes from Delta chapter.

MARCELLA KUNZ

*Zeta Chapter, San Francisco, Calif.*

Although we have not been very prompt with our reports of late, for which we apologize, we have not been altogether inactive.

Last term we entertained our rushees with a "Blue Book" buffet party at the home of Joyce Watt.

On October 2, the graduate and active chapters entertained the faculty at tea at the home of Maybelle Hurst, to whom we are indebted for making it such an enjoyable afternoon.

Our Fall Dance was held at the California Club on October 28. The girls on the committee did a fine job of decorating in barnyard fashion.

We closed our term with a luncheon for the rushees at the home of Joyce Watt.

We started this term off by taking the rushees for a tour of Chinatown on January 29. This was followed by a Sukiyaki dinner and show.

The formal pledging of Frances Calanchini, Lois Fischl, and Ruth Grinager took place at the Rex Restaurant on February 5.

With this start we hope to make this a bigger and better term for Zeta chapter.

M. JOYCE WATT

*Zeta Graduate Chapter, San Francisco, Calif.*

The first meeting of the year found Zeta with a large and enthusiastic turnout. Convention reports were given and all the stay-at-homes were green with envy at the grand time shown by the delegates. This year in addition to the regular meetings "something special" will be held each month. The first of these "specials" was a tea at the home of Mabelle Bowerman Hurst for the members of the faculty and their wives. In October Zeta gave an old fashioned barn dance. Several raffles were conducted and many beautiful door prizes given away. All who attended said it was a huge success. Pledge parties have been given and plans for a pledge dinner are now underway. This month the chapter is going on a tour through picturesque San Francisco Chinatown.

New officers have been elected: president, Lucretia Raney; vice-president, Emily Uffman; secretary, Mabelle Bowerman Hurst; treasurer, Joanna Lukes, and reporter, Evelyn White. Personals: Hazel Huffman became Mrs. Horace Greer in December. Marion Buckmaster, of the roving Buckmasters, is reported to be in Florida.

EVELYN WHITE

*Mu Chapter, Pullman, Wash.*

It seems as though Mu chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma hibernated for the winter months for we have been very inactive. However, we did recently hold an initiation for three girls: Avis Palmer, Lorraine LeMar and Joyce Johnson (three mighty nice girls). After the ceremony we adjourned to the Mezzanine of the Washington Hotel where we held a family-style, no-host banquet—this was held in conjunction with Rho Chi. The menus were written on prescription blanks in Latin, and the place cards were made of "For External Use Only," "Poison," and "Shake Well Before Using" stickers. Oh, yes, and the centerpiece consisted of dashing men on horses and demure young ladies—all made of konseals and capsules with skirts of filter paper.

Here at Pullman we are having, right now, our first real snow of the season. Everyone is taking advantage of the weather and having a rip-roaring good time (or should I say "a snowbally time"?) because finals are all over and as yet the new semester hasn't begun. This reminds me, though Christmas is long since past, that we received many lovely Christmas cards, and I'd like to thank you all for them on behalf of Mu chapter.

LOUISE SMITH

*Sigma Chapter, New York, N.Y.*

With apologies to all "Hams!" Station S-I-G-M-A calling Blue and Gold Triangle. Station S-I-G-M-A calling Blue and Gold Triangle. Please clear the air. Sigma chapter wishes to report to Grand Council!

Following up on our last report, our new affair was a Bingo Bridge held in the South Lounge of Whittier Hall, a dormitory on the campus of Columbia University. Our chapter accomplished a dual feat at this party, by giving our guests a "swell" time and by "swelling" the chapter bankroll. Since the theatre season is now in full swing in New York, Sigma decided to run a series of theatre parties, falling in with the rest of the cosmopolites. Our first party saw "Bachelor Born," a whimsical play about an English boarding school for boys.

At the invitation of the American Pharmaceutical Company, affectionately known to us as A.P.C., many of the sorors visited their plant in New York. Guided by one of their chemists, our own sister, Lena Nolan, our chapter gleaned much information on the modern and scientific methods used in the manufacture of their pharmaceutical products. Especially interesting were the ultra-violet ray lamps used to irradiate the ointments.

Three new girls have been pledged to Sigma chapter, after our hectic "rush" season. Our pledge initiation was quite an ordeal for the new girls. They were compelled to wear large signs stating that they were pledges to Lambda Kappa Sigma. To all classes and school affairs they had to wear one black shoe and stocking and one white shoe and stocking. They were not allowed to converse with any member of the opposite sex for two full school days. They had to curtsy to all the professors, and praise "Allah" to every member of the sorority. As an anti-climax, the pledges measured the distance from the corner of Broadway and 68th street to the Columbia Pharmacy building with a herring. Our chapter is in unanimous agreement that our pledges are blessed with stamina and good sportsmanship. We held our initiation ceremonies at the Hotel Taft, followed by dinner in the enchanting atmosphere of the Taft Grill, listening to the sweet and hot music of Enoch Light and his orchestra. The new members of Sigma chapter are Rosemarie Simone, Myrtle Sandman, and Selma Coller, the fourth Coller sister to join our ranks.

Sigma is seriously considering the forming of a graduate chapter. We hope that by the time the next convention rolls around, we will have two delegates from New York.

As a crowning glory to all our activities, the members of Sigma chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma have been invited to act as hostesses and guides at the New York World's Fair, representing the Professional Women of America.

Sigma chapter signing off. Station S-I-G-M-A is off the air. Take it away!

BERTHA SIEGEL

*Eta Chapter, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Ten actively interested freshman girls are now adding new zest to our chapter! In February, the girls were pledged at a party held in the museum. We were very pleased to have with us that evening several members of our graduate chapter. Everyone fell in with the pattern of playing games, getting acquainted with each other, and having a good time. Formal initiation was held later in February and was followed by a grand dinner at the Brierhurst Hotel. We really feel our new members will prove a big asset to Eta chapter.

At Mrs. Cook's Christmas party for the faculty of P.C.P., the sorority girls acted as hostesses, and we enjoyed doing it. A Professor Quiz program provided lots of amusement and fun, especially since the freshman girls had high score over the faculty—the girls do admit that the questions on jitterbugging, nursery rhymes, and radio personalities helped them out. An unknown benefactor added a cheerful note to the party by leaving a colorful plant for each girl to take home. Many thanks, Mr. Unknown!

Selling Christmas cards was a new idea this year, and it turned out to be a very profitable one. The girls found the boys and faculty very willing to increase our sales, and we surprised ourselves with the extent of our success. Another "treasury filler" is realized from our chance selling. Every year we hold a raffle, with money prizes and always come out far ahead in profits. This year's raffle is in process now, and seems to be doing even better than usual.

We are now working hard on the plans for an April dance which is to be given in conjunction with our brother fraternity, Kappa Psi. The central theme of the dance is to have a cabaret effect with red checkered table cloths, dripping candles, dancing, and a peppy floor show.

In the personals column, we put our former Polly Melcher, who is now Mrs. William Marsh. We bid farewell to Polly as a senior last spring, and she was married soon after graduation in June. Bill and Polly were classmates through college. Miss Betty Kessler has announced her engagement to Mr. Charles F. Brady, Jr., who is a senior student at P.C.P. & S. No definite wedding date has been set, but we wouldn't be too surprised to hear of a June wedding. We wish the best of happiness and luck to you both, Polly and Betty!

BETTY KRIEBEL

*Phi Chapter, Indianapolis, Ind.*

Due to the fact that I have had the honor of being elected the vice-president of the Phi chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority, I have been asked to keep you informed on the activities of the chapter during the coming year.

Election of officers was held Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1939. Installation of officers was held the following Sunday afternoon, by candle light (January 21, 1939), at the home of Miss Lucelle Kuhn: president, Miss Hazel Abdon; vice-president, Miss Roselene Freije; secretary, Miss Ruth Knierim; corresponding secretary, Anita Battista; treasurer, Adele Lobraico; sponsor, Mrs. Edward H. Niles.

A Rush Tea will be held Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1939, at the home of our president, Miss Hazel Abdon. Table decorations will be carried out in the Sorority colors.

Pledge Services will be held February 19, 1939 for Misses Marjorie Smith and Gretchen Klee, at the home of Mrs. Edward H. Niles.

I believe this concludes all the activities so far this year.

ROSELENE FREIJE

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