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DE DEE, DE DEE, DE DEE, DE VO-O-O-O-O-O-O!!



This, folks, as many of you know, is the genuine and only Union Lit YELL, used generally to cheer our interfrat teams and offered up in unison whenever good Lits get together. Why have we used it here? Purely as a greeting, for the facts are we do not feel much like shouting. For we have little progress to report on the New House over which we waxed so enthusiastic in Speculum's last issue. We have delayed this publication for two terms hoping to have something tangible to report but without avail. We leave it to our president to tell why. Our own modest opinion is that Union Lits are just naturally slow to get started but when they do get started -- toot, toot! The spirit is there we are sure. Only a lack of definiteness on our local executive committee as to "who is who" and absence of a straightforward building program, has it would seem, blocked our progress to date. These matters, fortunately, now seem about to be clarified. Meantime let's all hope, pray, and do all we can toward seeing that we have an excavator digging for the basement on our new property at the earliest possible moment.

Although we aren't holding any house warmings or dedicatory exercises we are pleased to report a very healthy condition within our own circle. First of all, we have enjoyed more fellowship and association with our alumni the past half year than in any similar period within our experience. At homecoming day last June more than 60 former Lits were wearing our "1876-1927" 51st anniversary ribbons, meeting the boys, and assembling in the afternoon for a get-together and picture at the old house on the campus. Again at fall homecoming more than 40 registered their names in the book and as many more failed to do so. One of our founders, Mr. Jakways of New Carlisle Indiana was among those who paid us the honor of a visit last spring.

In our activities on the campus we have striven to maintain our accustomed place among the leaders. This year we have the president of the student body, Clyde Olin. We have the presidents of two all-college honoraries, Scabbard and Blade, honorary military, and Tau Sigma, honorary of Liberal Arts and Applied Science divisions. We have four Scabbard and Blade men and are represented in Alpha Zeta. Our present monogram men are Hood, Wenner, Passink, Weeks and Hancock. Peterson is a member of the famous State relay team. Hancock is captain of the winning varsity hockey team. Maynard Schultz is among the best on the wrestling team. Of the three interfraternity awards for which we have been eligible thus far this year, we have won two, bowling cup, and a trophy offered on homecoming day for the "best decorated and best kept society or fraternity house". We are also pleased to report that we have just taken in the largest class of initiates in some years. Of the 17 pledged, 15 received the requisite better than a "C" average and are now members.

Each freshman is outstanding in some measure. Five received their 1929 numerals in football; three are playing on the freshman basketball team. A fact unique in recent history of the society is that next year members of our circle will be managers of two of the three major sport teams, "Bun" Witherell in football, and "Val" Anderson in basketball. In short, we feel that we have accomplished much this year. We have strengthened and renewed our fellowship with our alumni groups; we have maintained our prestige on the campus; we have assured the sound future of our society with a high quality of new members, all in face of a competition which, though it is naturally difficult for members of former days to realize, is becoming extremely keen. In our present surroundings it is becoming increasingly necessary to "rush and pick" rather than merely "pick" our new members. Only in our house building program do we feel that we have failed to reach a goal. But in this matter we are facing the future with faith and hopes which we feel must, for the future welfare of "Union Lit.", be realized.



"WHEN I SAW BILL LAST - - -"

Largely due to the help of our local alumni, notably Messrs Gunson, Baldwin, Gould, Carr, and Patch, we present below a new feature - a single line of information about as many Lits as we were informed about and had room for in this issue.

With your kind cooperation in volunteering "lines" about yourself and classmates, we can extend this in our next issue. This will be our last opportunity to check our addresses for publication in our 1928 Directory. Corrections and new addresses will be much appreciated.

Note: Those starred have visited us within the year.

- \*Thorn Smith (95): Chem.Engineer, Birmingham; Son Rossman is a Lit.
- \*Hod Norton (03): E.Lansing; Supt.Advanced Reg., Holstein-Fresian Ass.
- \*O.K. White (07): DeWitt; connected with State Dept. of Agriculture.
- \*Frank Barrows (12): Plymouth; with Daisy Air Rifle Company.
- \*Morris Johnson (07): Ann Arbor; District Manager for concern.
- \*Edward Laird (24): Recently moved to Birmingham; nursery business.
- \*Thomas Gunson: Only feature of college of which we report "no change".
- \*R.G. Carr (08): E.Lansing; Director of County Agricultural Agents.
- \*A.B. Cook (23): Ionia; Capt. National Guard; Ag.Teacher in High Sch.
- \*Fletcher Gould (07): Civil Engineering Department, M. S. C.
- RR.J. Carr (08): County Agt., Dearborn; record for 2 mile run still best
- \*E. E. Gallup (00): Director Vocational Education for Mich; Lansing.
- \*L. P. Dendel (14): Michigan Mutual Millers, Lansing; (U'll know him)
- \*Lloyd Daugherty (10): Three Rivers; was back for homecoming.
- \*R. E. Houston (22): Dearborn; was with us last June.
- \*I. J. Cortright (11): Fargo, N.D.; with N.D. State college.
- \*L. J. Bulleu (23) Chicago; with us at commencement last June.
- \*Wade Blackmar (34) Monroe; Greening Nursery.
- \*Chas. Richards (23): Birmingham; Landscape gardening business.
- \*A. J. Patch (17): Director Agricultural Publicity, Michigan State
- EE. W. Ranney (00): Manufacturer, Greenville, Michigan
- \*E. S. Saruene (14): Not listed in last directory; 12392 N.Lawn, Det.
- \*Capt. Don Stroh (15): Enlistment Officer; Offices Book Tower, Det.
- \*C. J. Rouse (17): Detroit; with us homecoming day & for party.
- \*J. H. Caldwell (20): Living in Grand Rapids; with us homecoming
- \*Chase Newman (94): Faculty, Michigan State college.
- \*R. O. VanOrden (23): County Engineer; located at Hastings.
- \*Gifford Patch (16): with Extension Department here at M.S.C.
- \*R. J. Baldwin (04): Head of Extension Department, M.S.C.
- \*Floyd W. Robison (98) Robison Laboratories Inc; Son Jim is a Lit.



"Lines" -continued.

- \*Ward Andrews (20): County Agent, Coldwater.
- \*O.A. Taylor (Fat), class of 15; Veterinary Hospital, Detroit.
- L.M. Spencer (06): Head Patent Attorney, General Motors, Detroit
- C.R. Oviatt (Dutch), class of 16: New Sugar Beet Specialist here.
- J. G. Boyle (08): State Legislator from Buchanan.
- R. J. Robb (96): Engineer; still tallest man in East Lansing.
- D. N. Skeels (03): Univ. of Montana; owns the original U.Lit Pin.
- Horace Hunt (05): Pres., Fargo Engineering Co., Jackson, Michigan
- \*Frank J. Kratz (05): Automotive Engineer located at Detroit.
- \*O. A. Kratz (07): City Manager, Astoria, Oregon.
- G. A. Boyle (08): Farmer, Prarieville; 'Member "Ginnie" beat Albion?
- F. H. Wade (08): Prof. Physics and Mechanics, Lewis Institute (Benny).
- Chan Taylor (13): Is now "J\*Hopping" in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Irving Woodin (13): Is back of "Blue-Goose" products out in Calif.
- Hugh Salisbury (06): County Surveyer at Hart, Michigan.
- Gerrit Masselink (95): Is head of Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.
- H. I. Glazier (07): Sales Manager, Natl.Fire Proofing Co., Youngstown
- John W. Knecht (11): Supt of Construction, Grand Rapids St. R. R.s
- \*Cameron Carruthers (23): Has big poultry plant at Durand.Brother a Li
- \*Stan Johnston (20): South Haven Experiment Station.
- \*Russel Palmer (22): Chief Tester with Detroit Milk Inspection Bureau.
- \*Frank Ashton (21): In Poultry business at Manchester, Michigan.
- Harry W. Coon (21): In commercial flying.
- \*L. J. Rothgery (21): Lives in East Lansing; still in Eng. Extension.
- \*William C. Vinten (23): Special Engineer with Portland Cement Assn.
- Loren Ross (23): Home at Xmas time. Still with Fruit concern.
- \*Kenneth Scott (24): With Michigan Inspection Bureau at Detroit.
- Dean Swift (24): Married up in Minnesota. Here in school last year.
- Kenneth DeGraw (25): Science Professor at Midland, Michigan
- \*Elwood Mason (25): Taking up Medicine at University of Michigan
- Munroe Sours (25): Practicing Veterinary at Kalamazoo.
- \*George Wenner (25): Living at house. With State Dept. of Agriculture.
- W. O. VanGiesen (25): Father of James John VanGiesen; Bill is 2nd.  
Lieutenant in regular army, stationed at Fort DeMoine, Iowa.
- \*W. B. Matthews (25): Golf Course Engineer; 97 Newberry St., Boston
- Clifford C. Hall (26): Married and working for City of Detroit.
- \*Gerald Reynolds (27): Int.Business Machine Company; living at Grand P
- \*MacLeod Coan (27): At Detroit with Int.Business Machine Company.
- \*Del Zimmerman (27): In Landscaping and nursery business at Traverse.

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We wish to acknowledge the receipt of a very fine history of the society, written by our good friend and founder of "Lit", Mr. Jakways. We beg Mr. Jakways permission to publish his account in full as a feature of our next issue of "Speculum".

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Out in Society



We take this opportunity to invite all who can to attend our winter term formal dinner dance, March 17 at the Hotel Olds. Advance notice of your intention will be appreciated.



GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT  
-- "Monty" Hood

Our goodly editor informs us that it is up to us as winter term president, to speak a few words to the alumni. I wonder if you would be interested to know a few facts about the present organization or if we should merely talk like a talking machine.

The presidents of the different fraternities were invited to attend the dedicatory services of the new Hesperean House a few weeks ago and so we had the pleasure of attending the services. Our good pal, Tommy Gunson, gave a very interesting history of the Hesperean Society. During his talk Tommy recalled those early days when the Lits and the Hespies were his best friends. But at that time the Lits owned the one and only fraternity house on the campus. We are still the best of friends but now the Hespies own the wonderful new structure they are occupying while the Lits do not own a home. During the talk our thoughts turned to other fraternities represented at the ceremony. We were sitting with a Tic and a Phylean and naturally our thoughts concerned the mammoth and imposing Tic house on the hill, and the pleasant Phylean house, soon to have a \$15,000 addition. We tried to think of some "old line" fraternity whose home could compare with our own. The Phi Delts?, the S.A.E.? (formerly Columbians), the Eunomians?, the newly remodeled Olympics?, or even the more recent Lambda Chi's in their fine new English brick structure? To each query the answer was a discouraging "No". We were paying \$2100 rent yearly for our housing, yet our house was and is one of the poorest of any here. Let's get together and get going.

BITS OF COLLEGE NEWS

-- "Pip" Wenner

Dean R.S. Shaw is again filling the president's chair while Dr. Butterfield is paying a visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. \*\*\*Our new armory, largest and most imposing of all campus buildings, has been occupied by the Military department since fall term when it was formally opened with the Military Ball. Col. Sherbourne will head the department next year for his 7th term as commandant.\*\*\*The Central Michigan alumni association presented our very successful basketball coach, Ben VanAlstyne, with a fine gold watch at a banquet recently held in honor of our new football coach, Harry Kipke.\*\*\*A new course in Hotel Management under Dean John Phelan is the latest addition to our curriculum.\*\*\*The year has seen our music department grow from a minor course to a ranking among the best in the country. The music faculty, headed by Lewis Richards, soloist with different national symphony orchestras, contains two other figures nationally recognized in the musical profession, Arthur Farwell, well known composer, and Louis Graveure. Madame Schumanheink will be here most of next fall term to give personal instruction in voice.\*\*\*The weather bureau has moved into its new brick home on the western edge of the campus, and the music department will move into the old weather station this spring. That old eye-sore, the music center, is to be torn down.\*\*\*Our little city has been augmented this year with the Abbott Building, occupying the entire site of the former Hesperean House and containing the "State Theatre", several stores and apartments.\*\*\*Our present college administration has come in for some fire recently in regard to certain of its policies. Our latest information, obtained from confidential sources is that there are two sides to every story.



Memorial  
A beloved Brother Passes On

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"Louis A. Bregger, one of God's choicest noblemen! Pure in heart, he saw God everywhere. He did not "own" a farm. No! He tilled God's sacred soil, grew God's sacred trees and helped feed God's children, as a humble, diligent servant of God.

"He imitated no man's thoughts. He devoutly studied in God's laboratory, observed for himself, formed his own conclusions and never swerved from his conclusions.

"His passion for justice made his life a beacon light. His was the spirit of the ancient Hebrew prophets. He saw God, not only in nature, but in the humblest human being.

"Religion to him was not a profession nor a creed, but a spiritual interpretation of the whole life.

"A great, good friend, this nobleman of God, has gone on to meet Him whom he so devoutly served.

-- Albert B. Eby ("Tribute to a Friend" written on the occasion of the recent death of Louis A. Bregger, '88, Union Lit.

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"Union Lits regret the untimely death of Louis A. Bregger, class of '88 as the result of an accident from a falling tree which occurred on his home farm near Bangor, Michigan, February 8th, 1928.

"Bregger was one of the best known men in the society when he was a student in College and since his graduation gave generously of his time and tangible support to the upbuilding of the fraternity. For over thirty years he was the 'key' man of all the Society alumni reunions. He never failed to acknowledge his debt of gratitude to the men in the society who came with him during the four years he was in the college, Frankly acknowledging he never could have graduated without the generous help he got at all times from them.

"An untiring worker, he gave fully of his time and means to every worth while interest in life and in the giving attracted the love and respect of all who knew him. He was active to the very last, both in a private and public way, giving to all phases of his life every ounce of strength, energy and earnestness which was in him. His three great loves were for humanity, nature and service. He loved and served God in this way.

-- Thomas Gunson