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The Creed of Tau Epsilon Phi

To live in the light of friendship—to judge our fellows not by their rank nor wealth, but by their worth as men—to hold eternally before us the memory of those whom we have loved and lost—to hold forth in the solidarity of our brotherhood the nobility of action which will make for the preservation of our highest and worthiest aim—and thus be true to the ideal of friendship—

To walk in the path of chivalry—to be honorable to all men and defend that honor—to fulfill our given pledge at all times—to be true to the precepts of knighthood and win the love and care of the women of our dreams and thus be true to the ideal of chivalry—

To serve for the love of service—to give unselfishly that which we may have to offer—to do voluntarily that which must be done—to revere God and to strive in his worship at all times—and thus be true to the ideal of service—To practice each day friendship—chivalry—service—thus keeping true to these—the three ideals—of the founders of our fraternity—this is the Creed of Tau Epsilon Phi.

FOREWORD

Once again, with its appearance, the GEOGRAPHIC marks another first in Tau Epsilon Phi. The largest and most ambitious publication ever undertaken by the Fraternity, this, the seventh edition since 1917, also includes the first official history of the Fraternity, and, also for the first time, a list of past officers of the Grand Council, along with the old standby's, the cross-indexed names and addresses.

In the six years since the last GEOGRAPHIC, the Fraternity has grown from 8,000 to almost 13,000, and this has created new problems in keeping up with the rapidly changing addresses of brothers in many states and countries. While the addresses are over 90% correct, a better record than that of most fraternities or college alumni organizations, the National Executive Offices will be grateful if any mistakes or omissions are called to its attention so that they can be corrected in subsequent issues of **The Plume**.

Finally, this volume would not be complete without a word of thanks to those who helped make it possible. Many alumni, among them Doctor I. Schwartz, Louis Fein, Sol Shaman and Les Blum, were vital in compiling historical data; the office staff—Mrs. Maxine Spivak and Mrs. Molly Boyle—for their help in the tedious job of cross-checking the many listings; Sid Suntag, for his help in all phases of this operation; and the staff of the Star Printing Company, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President, for their technical knowledge and printing skill you see on the following pages.

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THE CONSULS OF TAU EPSILON PHI FRATERNITY

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1929	Frederic R. Mann, Rho
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*1931-32	J. M. Breitenbach, Alpha
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*Grand Council term extended to two years in 1931

**Served four years due to World War II

CHAPTER ROLL OF TAU EPSILON PHI

Chapter	Institution	Location	Date
Alpha	Columbia University	New York, N. Y.	1910
Beta**	New York College of Dentistry	New York, N. Y.	1913
Gamma	New York University (Wash. Sq.)	New York, N. Y.	1912
Delta	Cornell University	Ithaca, New York	1913
Epsilon*	Fordham University	New York, N. Y.	1914
Zeta*	Bellevue Medical College	New York, N. Y.	1915
Eta*	Tufts University	Medford, Mass.	1917
Theta	Boston University	Boston, Mass.	1917
Iota*	Yale University	New Haven, Conn.	1918
Kappa	University of Vermont	Burlington, Vt.	1919
Lambda*	Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass.	1919
Mu	Emory University	Atlanta, Ga.	1919
Nu	University of Georgia	Athens, Ga.	1919
Xi*	Mass. Institute of Technology	Cambridge, Mass.	1919
Omicron	McGill University	Montreal, P.Q., Canada	1920
Pi*	Georgetown University	Washington, D. C.	1921
Rho	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pa.	1921
Sigma	Syracuse University	Syracuse, N. Y.	1922
Tau*	Dickinson College	Carlisle, Pa.	1922
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Tau Mu	University of Connecticut	Storrs, Conn.	1932
Tau Nu*	University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	1936
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Tau Pi	University of Massachusetts	Amherst, Mass.	1938
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Tau Sigma*	University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.	1947
Tau Upsilon	Univ. of California at Los Angeles	Los Angeles, Cal.	1947
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Tau Chi	University of Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	1947
Tau Psi	Newark College of Engineering	Newark, N. J.	1947
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Epsilon Alpha*	University of California	Santa Barbara, Cal.	1949
Epsilon Beta	Ga. State Coll. of Business Ad	Atlanta, Ga.	1949
Epsilon Gamma	New York University (Heights)	New York, N. Y.	1949
Epsilon Delta	Dartmouth College	Hanover, N. H.	1950
Zeta Lambda Phi	Temple University	Philadelphia, Pa.	1951
Delta Upsilon	Duke University	Durham, N. C.	1952
Epsilon Deuteron	Florida State College	Tallahassee, Fla.	1954
Epsilon Eta	Drexel Institute of Technology	Philadelphia, Pa.	1955
Epsilon Rho	Brooklyn College	Brooklyn, New York	1956
Epsilon Theta	Queens College	Flushing, N. Y.	1956
Phi Lambda	Long Island University	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1956

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The History of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

For many years the College of Pharmacy at Columbia University had two fraternities. While these fraternities were both of a high caliber, neither would admit Jewish students, thus leaving Jewish students at a loss for social and fraternal contacts. While many of the hundreds of students who passed through the College undoubtedly wished and hoped that conditions would soon change, it remained for the founders of Tau Epsilon Phi to take action.

During the 1909-1910 school year, two small groups of students were becoming close friends as they studied and attended class together. They wished to perpetuate their friendships and carry them beyond the classroom walls, yet found themselves hemmed in by the prevalent lack of social intercourse at the college.

Throughout the 1909-1910 year these two groups went their separate ways and made their plans, with neither realizing the existence of the other. One group thought of starting a social group. The other had in mind a fraternity, based on principles of which they knew practically nothing, but thought would flourish, since the two existing fraternities seemed to thrive.

When school opened in the fall of 1910, the two groups heard of each other by chance. So the one representing the social idea and the other with the plan for a fraternity met and decided that in union there would be strength.

The first preliminary meeting took place on October 10, 1910. In the few minutes allotted for lunch, four men stayed behind in the otherwise deserted lecture hall to discuss plans for the new organization — Charles Driesen, Israel Schwartz,

Harold Goldsmith and Ephraim Freedman. That the meeting was a success can be vouched for by the fact that the grand sum of eighty cents was collected as dues, by I. Schwartz, who recorded the minutes and served as temporary treasurer. Unfortunately, the minutes of this hurried meeting were lost and no trace of them was ever found.

Little progress was made because of the shortness of time, but the spirit of organization had seized the group and they agreed to continue their work that afternoon after classes. Thus at 5 o'clock that afternoon the scene shifted to Central Park, where, under the watchful eye of the park shepherd (who, recalls Dr. Schwartz, fearfully stood between the group and the gigantic ram grazing there) discussion continued and more plans were formulated. In addition to the four men previously mentioned, also present were Robert Blume, Julius Breitenbach, Henry Klauber and Samuel Solomon.

Of utmost importance was the securing of a meeting room. While all present offered the use of their homes, it was felt that the group should seek permission to meet at the college. Since the other two fraternities met there, it was argued that by gaining permission to use a college room, they could similarly obtain recognition, faculty support, increased membership and at the same time allow the college to become familiar with the activities of its newest fraternity.

A committee was appointed to interview the faculty and obtain the necessary authority to use the College library for a meeting room. Israel Schwartz and Julius Breitenbach (whose father's membership on the Board of Trustees certainly didn't harm the position of the new group) were selected to interview the college authorities. The request was promptly granted by one Mr. Henning, then property committee chairman of the college and for the rest of the year meetings were held between 5 and 6 p.m. every Friday in the college library.

The first recorded and official meeting was quickly

called and on Friday afternoon, October 19, 1910 the Founders came together for the first time (Leo H. Fried, Jesse J. Slofkin and Samuel Greenbaum joining the first eight). These additional men, known to all, had been selected prior to the meeting to strengthen the group numerically.

As the meeting began, Charles Driesen was elected temporary chairman. Elections soon followed and the first chapter officers in the history of the fraternity were elected: Harold Goldsmith, President; Charles M. Driesen, Vice-President; Israel Schwartz, Secretary; Julius Breitenbach, Treasurer.

Next in line came a name for the new organization and T.E.P. was unanimously selected as signifying the sum total of the aims and ideals of the group. Numerous questions of duties and policy were discussed and many committees were appointed, the most important of which was the Constitutional Committee consisting of Klauber, Greenbaum and Schwartz.

Thereafter, meeting after meeting occurred with regularity. An oval pin was decided upon, followed by adoption of a password and handshake, then colors and flowers.

While the year passed the constitution was being gradually molded into shape. So thorough was the work in this respect that, seven years later, when the document was rewritten to allow for the expanded size of the fraternity, the major portion of that original work was retained and is still in use today, almost fifty years later.

In due time, another question arose to confront the fledgeling fraternity — expansion of their original size. When word of the new group spread around the Pharmacy campus many students expressed a desire to join. But this was a slow process, with many questions to be considered. Who should be approached? How should the bid be given? What conditions should be imposed on the candidates? Should there be an initiation, and if so, what kind of a ritual should be prepared for the occasion? All these were

questions that gave the men a great deal of concern. And before the membership was expanded, it was decided to test the strength of the new group and approach the college authorities, both for recognition and to offer to the faculty a T.E.P. Gold Medal to be presented to a student of high scholastic standing.

The Dean listened to both proposals, hesitated about granting recognition and waived aside the offer of the gold medal. He stated that before recognition could be granted, the organization would have to be established for a longer period and suggested that they wait until they were stronger numerically and financially. This was not a flat rejection, and since the college offered no opposition to the organization, some hope was evinced from the meeting. In due time the fraternity was recognized due to the help of Board of Trustees members Max J. Breitenbach and Jacob Weil (whose son, Monroe, was pledged a year later and went on to become Tau Epsilon Phi's first Consul).

This recognition was an important event in the history of TEP. Upon it depended many things pertaining to collegiate activities. The officers were consulted on various college functions and college activities. Activities, games, spirit, etc., were daily discussed with TEP.

It was at this time, late in the spring of 1911 that the first question arose as to expansion away from the Columbia campus. A group of students at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy had been in contact with the TEP officers with reference to joining the movement and so a number of brothers accompanied the Columbia Pharmacy baseball team to Philadelphia that spring where the matter was discussed. It later developed that the Philadelphia group, because of its older organization, desired to be known as the mother chapter. This was not acceded to and negotiations were halted.

By now, however, the term was drawing to a close and with all ten of the founders due to graduate, a careful search was instituted for material to carry on

the work. Only one man was chosen from the freshman class, one known to all the founders—Maximilian Nemser. He was finally selected by Ephraim Freedman and pledged. He was duly initiated as the fall term started in 1911 and elected chancellor (the titles president, vice-president, etc., were dropped soon after the first meeting). On his shoulders fell the task of perpetuating the organization in the coming year.

However, Nemser was not alone in this work. Brothers Fried, Greenbaum and Schwartz, realizing that there was still much to be done in the way of organization, returned to school to take post-graduate courses and soon the fledgeling fraternity had attracted a fine group of six new pledges—more than enough to carry on.

It was after this second year that Monroe Weil was found to be eligible for admission to the fraternity. He was approached by Brother Driesen and gladly accepted. Looking back on this later, Dr. Schwartz called the initiation of Brother Weil "the most important factor leading to the development of Tau Epsilon Phi into a national fraternity." It was he who argued and explained the advantages of expansion

The Michael C. C. Lillienfeld Distinguished Alumnus

**1955 Louis Fein
and Haskell Ostroff**

1956 Jack Kates

(This award goes to that alumnus who has contributed outstanding services on behalf of the National Fraternity over a long period of years.)

sion into other schools. Brother Lief was responsible for the addition of Beta Chapter and Brother Goldstein for the addition of Gamma chapter to the ranks. In one stroke—on April 15, 1912—Tau Epsilon Phi ceased to be a local.

Through the work of Bros. Goldstein and Lief, a group of men were gathered on that evening at Brother Weil's home and were interviewed by the counterpart of present "rushing committees"—Bros. Nemser, Goodman, I. Schwartz, Weil and Breitenbach. In these days of spiraling costs, the financial arrangements made for these groups are of more than passing interest. The new chapters were to be ad-

TAU EPSILON PHI'S MAN OF THE YEAR

- 1939 Harold Rome**
- 1940 Dr. Harry Strusser**
- 1948 Dr. Monroe Romansky**
- 1951 Hon. Irving Kaufman**
- 1952 Leon Crestohl, Q.C., M.P.**
- 1953 Frederic R. Mann**
- 1954 Hon. Emanuel J. Evans**
- 1955 Stanley Myers
and Max Orovitz**
- 1956 Max Abramovitz**

(Tau Epsilon Phi's Man of The Year is one who has made outstanding contributions to his community, his religion or in his chosen field of endeavor. The only requirement is that he be a regularly initiated member of the Fraternity.)

mitted on an equal footing with the old members, with a view of their eventually being able to break adrift from the Alpha men. The large sum of \$5.00 a man (of which \$2.50 was to be returned to them when they formed their own chapters) was asked for as an initiation fee and \$37.50 was collected, with Brother Lief immediately being elected Beta's first Chancellor.

Actually, it must be remembered that, until they attained greater numerical strength, all the men were actually one chapter—Alpha, and the confusion of events and activities that resulted can easily be understood. It was only a few months after this—at one of these pioneer meetings of Alpha Chapter, attended by members of Beta and Gamma—that the question of expansion outside of New York City came up again.

Again, a historical event in the fraternity's annals took place, with Delta Chapter being added to the growing rolls in an incident unprecedented in Tau Epsilon Phi's forty-odd years.

Brother Lou Fein—today a familiar figure wherever TEP's gather around the nation, as life-time Grand Chaplain, but then a new brother who had been initiated only a few weeks before — rose to speak. He told of a dear friend of his who was planning to attend Cornell that fall, and who, after a long talk with him had said he would accept a pledge if the fraternity would offer it. He proposed to pledge this man and then let him attract a nucleus of a chapter at Cornell, one that "would bring us respect and prestige". It was unanimously decided to offer the pledge.

Many years later, Dr. Schwartz described the next steps in this plan for colonization:

"Shortly after an open meeting of Alpha Chapter, this man was escorted into the room and placed before the Chancellor, the members gathering around, and he was pledged. The pledging was the most solemn and binding that I have ever witnessed. The pledgee was emphatically appraised of the undertak-

ing that he was pledged with the understanding that he was to work for TEP at Cornell and gather around him men of the highest character and caliber.

"The chancellor also informed the pledgee that we stood ready to assist him in every possible way, that the situation was an extra-ordinary departure from the usual procedure of inducting new chapters, but that he came to us so highly recommended that we felt we could place our trust in him. There was a pause. The pledgee spoke in a soft voice and replied that he felt the keen responsibilities he was shoulder and hoped to be worthy of the honor bestowed."

The rule at that time that ten men were required to start a chapter was cut in half with reference to Cornell and it was decided to set a precedent in allowing the pledge to attend all meetings of Alpha Chapter to become better acquainted with meeting procedures. Subsequently, at an executive board meeting held September 2, 1913, it was decided to initiate the Cornell pledgee and the final week this was carried out. Brother Ephraim Freedman, Chairman of the Executive Board, gave the new brother final instructions.

And so, in September, 1913, Brother Ben Pologe set out for Ithaca.

Two months later, in response to a telegram from Brother Pologe—who was later to serve as second Consul—the members of the Executive Board were hurriedly called together and Brother Weil was sent to Ithaca to install Delta Chapter, which he did on November 23. Brother Pologe had done his job well and those initiated with him were Robert Menaker, Henry Klauber, Charles Roth, Julius Samkoff and Louis Swerdlove.

In the following two years, chapters were quickly installed at Fordham University and Bellevue Medical School. It was this latter induction that precipitated the second great crisis in the still-young fraternity and led indirectly to the complete revision and expansion of the constitution.

There had been rumors that TEP was primarily a

professional rather than collegiate fraternity, and the large number of medical men who were brothers did nothing to quash these rumors. These rumors grew in intensity concurrently with the establishment of Zeta Chapter at Bellevue by Brother Morris Bender. Delta Chapter argued that since Bellevue was the medical school of New York University and Gamma Chapter was already there no charter should be granted. Over the strong arguments of Delta, the charter was granted and the Chapter continued until 1926 when it (along with Beta) was merged formally with Gamma.

Delta still pressed its point that TEP was becoming too professional and threatened to secede. The other chapters defended the professionalism, calling it an unintentional result of circumstances and the manner of growth. With this split threatening the fraternity, it was finally agreed to write a new constitution, with no new chapters to be admitted until its ratification by all five chapters in existence.

Although, by this agreement, all expansion ceased for what was to be two years, there was, during this time, the usual growth within the chapters. Initiation fees were increased, Gamma obtained a house (although not without considerable financial difficulty), the other chapters in New York engaged joint meeting rooms, many inter-chapter affairs were held, and, as one brother relates, "despite the stormy problem, cordiality was the rule."

Meanwhile, the Executive Board (the then ruling body of the fraternity, which consisted of two men from each chapter and an elected chairman) ordered the Committee on Constitutional Revision to go to work and not to stop functioning until the new document was perfected. And function it did, despite the many differences of opinion which confronted it. Composed of Robert Mantler, Chairman, and Brothers Fred Schwartz, Louis Guzik, Harry Chiert, Harry Spitz, Monroe Weil and Dr. I. Schwartz, the committee met every two weeks for a period of two years at Mantler's office. While there were differences

over such points as the revocation of charters, the blackball issue and the power of the Grand Council, the big issue was still professionalism. As in all such issues, a compromise was reached.

Zeta, which was pro-professionalism, was also for chapter autonomy to a larger extent than the others wanted. In return for certain concessions on this latter point, it allowed the following to be adopted: The status of future chapters was to be determined solely by decisions of the Interfraternity Conference, with the further stipulation that no chapter was to be formed at a strictly professional school or at an institution not rated (according to the Carnegie Foundation Schedule) as a Class A college or university. Somewhat assuaged, Zeta quickly followed the rest in ratifying the new Constitution, and on March 25, 1916 it was declared adopted by the Executive Board.

The old Executive Board, now superseded by the Grand Council-to-be, met for the last time, and amid much nostalgia, ordered as its last official act that each chapter send two delegates to assemble as a convention of Tau Epsilon Phi. Thus on January 4, 1917, the first convention was held in New York City. The convention consisted of business meetings rather than social gatherings and it saw Monroe Weil honored with election as first Consul. Doctor Schwartz was named Vice-Consul, Benjamin Klein, Tribune and Robert Mantler, Quaestor.

Of the much business that was discussed the most important was the need for a TEP publication, and while there is no record of the exact action voted, two months later the first issue of the "TEP Bulletin" appeared. Under the heading, "The Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi, TO THE TAU EPSILON PHI FRATERNITY:", went the following front-page message:

"It has been a hard task, but we have arrived. This institution is an established one relying solely on the ambitions of our successors to whom we must some day leave this heritage. Our glorious battle

VICE CONSULS

- 1919 Julius Kurzrock, Epsilon
 1920 David Schneiderman, Alpha
 1921 Martin G. Vorhaus, Zeta
 1922 Hippolyte Wertheim, Zeta
 1923 Thomas Barish, Alpha
 1924 Charles Moss, Alpha
 1925 T. E. Runsdorf, Delta
 1926 M. Robert Pearlman, Beta
 1927 M. Robert Pearlman, Beta
 1928 Louis Lebenthal, Gamma
 *1929 Herbert T. Singer, Delta
 Albert J. Dornblatt, Nu
 Sidney Kanner, Tau Beta
 1930 Herbert T. Singer, Delta
 Albert J. Dornblatt, Nu
 Sidney Kanner, Tau Beta
 1931 Herbert T. Singer, Delta
 Henry Semans, Kappa
 William S. Lippman, Phi
 1933 Herbert T. Singer, Delta
 1935 Herbert T. Singer, Delta
 Frank A. Constangy, Nu
 **1937 Howard Simon, Delta
 Seymour Nathan, Gamma
 Benjamin Kaplan, Sigma
 Howard Dinion, Rho
 Emanuel J. Evans, Omega

VICE CONSULS

(CONTINUED)

- 1939 Samuel Sinn, Iota
 Haskell Ostroff, Theta
 Joe Murnick, Omega
 Nathan Roberts, Sigma
 Milton Yaffe, Psi
 Nathan Kates, Tau Gamma
 ***1941 Monroe Weil, Alpha
 1946 Louis Kanengieser, Gamma
 ****1948 Joseph Ginburg, Gamma
 Emanuel J. Evans, Omega
 1950 Samuel A. Fein, Gamma
 Louis Kanengieser, Gamma
 1952 Emanuel J. Evans, Omega
 Sol D. Shaman, Tau Delta
 1954 Milton Pinkus, Epsilon
 Isadore Heiman, Nu
 1956 Haskell Ostroff, Theta
 Louis Manes, Tau Delta

* Prior to 1929, one Vice Consul was elected. Starting with 1929, the Vice Consuls were elected to fulfill specific duties, such as scholarship, expansion, publicity, etc.

** In 1937 the Vice Consulship was changed to a regional basis, with one Vice Consul representing each region in the Fraternity.

*** In 1941 the Grand Chapter decided to return to the original concept of one Vice Consul. The office that had been called Vice Consul then became the Regional Consul.

**** In 1948 the present system of electing a First and Second Vice Consul was adopted. Those first named are the First Vice Consuls.

has been won but we dare not sit back with complacent pride until our youngest baby, **The Bulletin**, shall have outgrown its rompers and become old and staid enough to be dressed with longer and heavier material."

The rest of the eight-page issue contained an account of the first convention, a list of convention and new national officers and the first published roster of the fraternity, showing that in its first seven years of growth it had attained a membership of 262 divided among the seven existing chapters.

Under Consul Weil, the task of expanding the fraternity was once again resumed with vigor, and when the next issue of **The Bulletin** appeared it announced three new chapters in the one-year interim. Of primary importance was the expansion into Boston, with Eta Chapter at Tufts and Lambda at Harvard being added. In addition there was note taken that, "The Iota Chapter was taken under our wing in the last month of May, with Bro. Chancellor Josolowitz, Yale '18, at its head. Eight brethren comprise the newest arrival and reports have it that they are running along at a smart pace."

The issue stated its purpose as being "to acquaint the brethren of TAU EPSILON PHI with the plans of the arrangements committee for the annual Tau Epsilon Phi Convention and Grand Chapter Session to be held in New York City, June 28, 29 and 30." The "Programme" consisted of a Grand Chapter Session the 28th, a Convention night the 29th, both at the Hotel McAlpin, and a Boat Ride "up the Sound to Roton Point and return" on the 30th, aboard the S. S. Ursula.

The issue was headed by an apology for the lateness, of its appearance, but in view of the circumstances, there was no need to apologize. World War I had taken a heavy toll of the membership, with more than 100 of the 300-plus brothers serving in the Armed Forces, including **The Bulletin** editor Henry M. Garsson, and the issue appeared under the temporary editorship of Dr. Frederick Schwartz. This

was not to be the last disruption of the fraternity by the war. At the ensuing convention Ben Pologe, the Delta Chapter Founder, was named Consul. Within two months he too was called into the service and it fell on Louis Radin to keep the fraternity going during the next year.

At a time when there was no central office and all the records were kept by hand in the home of whoever held office, Radin did an outstanding job, handling all correspondence, finances, etc. and for years afterward he was looked back on as the "War Consul".

With the end of the war there was much to be done. Chapters were reactivated, **The Bulletin** was put on a monthly basis and Alpha Chapter purchased its first house, "at number 618 West 113h Street, one block from the Columbia campus between Riverside Drive and Broadway. The reception rooms can accommodate fifty couples and an orchestra easily. The floors are hardwood; running water on each of the five floors; two baths; sleeping accommodations for thirty boys; electricity and steam heat; and, to boot, an ideal roof garden. The fund raising (the house was purchased for \$5,000) was completed at a gala circus-dance entertainment in January (1920) with Doctor Radin speaking, and then the scene reminded all of the days of the Liberty Bond Drives as the money was pledged."

When one looks back on the history of the fraternity, 1919-20 must be selected as the one most important year in its development. Two of the finest officers—the late Consul Michael C. C. Lillienfeld and Tribune Edward Fauer—undertook major revisions in procedure and laid plans that were to be the basis for action over a period of more than two decades. They dealt successfully with issues both minor and major.

Consul Lillienfeld travelled extensively to visit old chapters and establish new ones. He made a 29-hour train trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to join Mac Bergman in the installation of TEP's first two Southern Links,

Mu at Emory and Nu at Georgia and, while there, laid the groundwork for what was later to become Phi Chapter at Georgia Tech. A scant few months later he was on his way once again, this time to Montreal, where he installed Omicron Chapter at McGill, and with the help of Tribune Fauer and "five of the Kappa boys", otherwise unidentified, TEP was international.

Meanwhile, by much hard work, Tribune Fauer was setting up a standard set of procedures for record-keeping most of which are still in use today, some 35 years later. Prior to his term, there had been no record of membership other than on cards which were often borrowed and often lost. Fauer introduced the "Candidate's History Card" which is used today as a permanent record in almost its original form. He started the present system of chapter numbers to avoid confusion as to chapter membership.

An issue that seems minor in retrospect and yet was a cause of much flowery debate and many articles pro and con in **The Bulletin**, was the adoption of a recognition button. Some claimed it was necessary for recognition on campuses, other charged it was exhibitionism, but in the end the pin was adopted.

The year saw TEP's stronghold in Boston further strengthened by the addition of Xi Chapter at MIT, as Annotator Joseph Wildman, assisted by Simon Kay and Jack Scal, officiated at the installation before over fifty brothers.

Certainly deserved was the outstanding ovation accorded the retiring Consul when, before a capacity crowd in the ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York at the tenth anniversary convention, he concluded his report by "hoping that my work has been of some small value to the Fraternity".

The report mentioned such accomplishments not heretofore chronicled as the increase of the annual chapter tax to a more realistic figure, the merging of the old Zeta Chapter with Gamma (which merger

allowed TEP to be recognized by the National Interfraternity Conference), and reported petitions from ten schools seeking charters as chapters. Some of the far-reaching recommendations included publishing of a TEP Geographic, the "establishment of a permanent sinking fund" (which was enacted and became the present Board of Trustees) and a system of chapter visitation that was to become the Praetor (later Regional Consul) system. "Mike and Lieutenant Eddie" had done their job.

The year 1921 saw more progress made under Consul Simon Kay. With Dr. Fred Schwartz in his fourth year as editor, **The Bulletin** became a monthly publication, featuring long debates on fraternity is-

QUAESTORS

1917	Robert Mantler, Beta
1920	Benjamin Pologe, Delta
1921	Benjamin Pologe, Delta
1922	S. H. Solomon, Beta
1923	Irving Altman, Delta
1924	Irving Altman, Delta
1925	Joseph H. Wildman, Alpha
1926	Louis S. Lebenthal, Gamma
1927	Louis S. Lebenthal, Gamma
1928	Charles H. Tobias, Alpha
1929	Irving Golembe, Alpha
1930	Irving Golembe, Alpha
1931	Irving Golembe, Alpha
1933	Irving Golembe, Alpha
1935	Irving Golembe, Alpha
1937	Seymour Hayman, Gamma
1939	Leon Lippman, Tau Delta
1941	Louis Kanengieser, Gamma
1946	Herman Charnick, Sigma
1948	Herman Charnick, Sigma
1950	Herman Charnick, Sigma
1952	Marvin Amster, Tau Delta
1954	Marvin Amster, Tau Delta
1956	Arthur Ochs Jr., Sigma

sues of the day, as well as chapter and alumni news. And on April 16 of that year, TEP's chapter roll reached 16 with the simultaneous installation of Rho at Pennsylvania and Pi at Georgetown. 1921 also marked the death of the first of TEP's pioneers, when former Consul Ben Pologe passed away on June 19.

The 1921 convention elected Isidor Kopelman Consul, after "Prof." Kay turned down a second term, and debated long and loud on the merits of continued expansion. It is of interest to note that when the first Board of Trustees was elected that year at the Hotel Pennsylvania, elected to a one-year term was Dr. I. Schwartz. Dr. Schwartz has served on the Board ever since, for 34 consecutive years, with only two years out when he was elected Consul in 1937.

Under Consul Koppelman, four new chapters were added. Sigma at Syracuse was admitted January 28, followed by Tau at Dickinson a month later. Also added was Upsilon at Charleston, while Phi at Georgia Tech was finally granted a separate charter after years of existence as part of Nu. The 1922 convention met in Boston and elected Harry Kreeger as Consul, at the same time adopting a new ritual, the one that is still in use today with some modifications. It was at this time that another TEP first was recorded—the first expansion into the Midwest. On January 13, 1923 Consul Kreeger and Past Consul Lillienfeld boarded the Twentieth Century Limited for Ann Arbor. When they left for home two days later, Chi Chapter at the University of Michigan was the fraternity's seventeenth.

The 1923 convention was one of the finest the Fraternity had yet seen. Music was provided by the bands of Vincent Lopez and Paul Whiteman, and **The Bulletin** proudly noted that "The music and the speeches at the annual Convention of Tau Epsilon Phi will be broadcasted through Radio Stations WEAf and WJY all over the United States. See the newspapers for wave lengths and number of meters."

This convention saw legislation passed to give "The

Plume" its present form as a quarterly magazine. The old **Bulletin** was dead after six years of sporadic publication. The year 1924, with Consul Kreeger having been re-elected to a second term was a good one. For the first time in its short history, the Fraternity came into athletic prominence. Sam Pite of Yale and Sam Strom of Columbia finished one-two in collegiate basketball scoring, with Pite receiving tribute from All-American maker Walter Camp as "the most amazing" basketball player he has ever seen on the court.

Two more important links were added to the Chapter Roster. The first was the former Sigma Pi Alpha local at the University of Illinois, which was granted a charter and installed early in 1924 by Julius Samkoff and Manuel Prenner. Meanwhile, careful organization work was going on at North Carolina under Southern Praetor Sam Heiman, and in May, 1924 Omega Chapter became TEP's twenty-fourth. The Omega installation was handled by Consul Kreeger, who had to leave the ceremonies early to be married the next day, and Annotator Samuel Eisenstat.

The nation was then in the middle of the "roaring twenties" and TEP roared with the best of them. Irving Altman became the ninth Consul in 1924 and presided at the installation of two of TEP's most prosperous chapters—Tau Alpha at Florida and Tau Beta at the University of Maryland.

Prosperity was obvious in the fraternity publications. Arthur Edison took over as editor of the **Plume** and the magazine was immediately enlarged to 50 pages-plus each issue. It included literary contributions, treatises on fraternal and governmental problems of the day, and even a column of book reviews. "For The Bookworm"; Chapter news was reported in the "TEP Towncrier" section. There were also many pages of advertisements solicited by Business Manager Charles Tobias (who succeeded Edison as Editor in 1928 and is today honored by the yearly award to that Chapter which excels in its contri-

butions to the **Plume**).

1926, under the Consul-ship of Joseph "Tim" Bower saw TEP expand even further. In the early '20's, a group of alumni of many chapters had moved to the Southern California area and through much hard work they succeeded in establishing a colony at the University of Southern California. On November 24, 1926, Consul Bower entertained for the West Coast, where, together with alumni leader Dr. Irwin Fine, he installed Tau Gamma Chapter. 1926 also marked the final merger of Beta and Zeta Chapters with Gamma at N.Y.U., as the old New York College of Dentistry was taken over by the University.

For the first time, TEP men travelled to Washington for the 1926-27 convention on New Year's eve, re-elected Consul Bower and made history by becoming the first National Fraternity to resolve that "physical form of hazing and initiation be entirely abolished."

In 1927 the active chapter roll grew to 29 in one weekend, as Bower and Praetor Supreme Fred Mann left New York on May 26, installed Tau Delta Chapter at Ohio State on May 27 (a former local club known as ATA which had petitioned for a charter) and continued on to Morgantown, West Va., where Tau Epsilon was installed the next day.

On arriving home, Mann quickly set to work planning the Jan 2, 1928 convention at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Philadelphia, of which he was chairman. The convention in turn selected Mann to the Consul's chair. Other significant action included voting to publish a pledge and administration manual (although final work on this was not concluded for several years), and the formation of the National Alumni Chapter in its present form. It also marked the retirement of Julius Samkoff as Tribune, after five consecutive terms in that exacting office, the longest service in that office to this day.

Under Consul Mann's policy of strengthening the fraternity internally before proceeding with expansion that was too rapid, 1928 was the first year in a

decade in which no new chapter was added. But it was a year of hectic activity within the existing framework. Mann visited every chapter in his term and was a bulwark in organizing alumni activities. On February 1, 1928 the first issue of the **Geographic** since 1922 made its long-awaited appearance, and a magnificent publication it was. It contained over 90 pages in triple-index form and showed that in the first 18 years, TEP had grown from a band of ten founders to 1,858 members, residing in 33 states, the

TRIBUNES

- 1917 Benjamin Klein, Delta
- 1919 David Schneiderman, Alpha
- 1920 Edward Fauer, Gamma
- 1921 M. Robert Pearlman, Beta
- 1922 Julius Samkoff, Delta
- 1923 Julius Samkoff, Delta
- 1924 Julius Samkoff, Delta
- 1925 Julius Samkoff, Delta
- 1926 Julius Samkoff, Delta
- 1927 Samuel A. Eisenstat, Xi
- 1928 Alfred J. Kleinberger, Delta
- 1929 Alfred J. Kleinberger, Delta
- 1930 Alfred J. Kleinberger, Delta
- 1931 Alfred J. Kleinberger, Delta
- 1933 Alfred J. Kleinberger, Delta
- 1935 Howard Simon, Delta
- 1937 Sidney S. Suntag, Epsilon
- 1939 Sidney S. Suntag, Epsilon
- 1941 Sidney S. Suntag, Epsilon
- *1941 Herman Charnick, Sigma
- 1946 Leo Schlosberg, Rho
- 1948 Max Barron, Theta
- 1950 Lionel Shuman, Omicron
- 1952 Lionel Shuman, Omicron
- 1954 Joe H. Gerson, Nu
- 1956 Joe H. Gerson, Nu

* Brother Suntag was elected in 1941 but was called to serve in the Armed Forces and Brother Charnick served during World War II.

District of Columbia and Canada.

Relatively young Psi Chapter was the talk of the fraternity world as it completed a \$150,000 house, the finest in the Midwest. And on October 19, 1928 a large crowd gathered at the Gotham Hotel in New York City for the first annual Founder's Day Dinner. There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of the first founder to pass into Chapter Eternal, Charles Driesen, who had died that summer in Los Angeles, where he had gone to try to regain his health. Seven of the nine living founders were present to reminisce and receive the enthusiastic plaudits of the Fraternity, in what has since become a fixture that is looked forward to each fall by the New York Alumni.

The year 1928 also saw TEP take title to its first National Executive Offices. With the fraternity expanding, there had long been a need for an office, and in 1927 the Columbia campus was flooded with new fraternities. Alpha Chapter then a small one and unable to occupy its big house at 618 West 133th Street; a solution to both problems was reached when at its first meeting of the year (January 4, 1928), the Grand Council duly moved, seconded and passed a motion that "The Grand Council occupy one of the rooms in the Alpha House as a central office at a rent of \$500 a year." (As it later turned out, this move saved Alpha Chapter. When the depression hit two years later, seven chapters of other fraternities on the Columbia Campus were forced to close their doors because of low income and membership, but this financial arrangement with the national office kept Alpha open.)

This office for the Tribune Editor and for Grand Council meetings, lasted until 1941, when, by Grand Council edict, Alpha House was sold and the Chapter found other quarters. At this point, the National Offices were moved into a suite on Upper Broadway near the Columbia campus, which arrangement lasted two years.

With the advent of World War II, a group of New

York alumni revived the old Tau Epsilon Phi Foundation, Inc., and raised funds to purchase a house that would serve as a center for the many TEPs in service who were being moved through the New York area on their way overseas. With the foresight to have the house ready for use by Alpha Chapter at war's end, the Foundation, under the Chairmanship of Sam Sinn, purchased a house at 627 West 115th Street on the Columbia campus; in November, 1943, the National Offices were moved there and the house was run by Foundation until 1946, when Alpha moved back in, and the National Offices continued on for six more years. Finally, in 1952, Alpha had grown considerably in size and needed more space; at the same time, the Grand Council felt the need for more Executive Office space and a more central location in New York City so as to be accessible to alumni passing through. Thus, in 1952, it voted to move to a suite of offices in midtown Manhattan, where the offices are located today, at 130 West 42nd Street.

But this was still in the far distant future as delegates gathered in Chicago for the first time on December 28, 1928 to re-elect Fred Mann to a second term as Consul. The convention also established three vice-consul offices, each with the specific duties of scholarship, publicity and expansion. The delegates elected to the office of Quaestor Irving Golembe, who was to serve for five more outstanding years. He is remembered today by the Irving Golembe Trophy awarded each year to TEP's Chapter of Merit.

Meanwhile, the time was ripe for expansion again, and on May 19, 1929, Consul Mann, Third Vice Consul Sidney Kanner and Grand Scribe D. Edward Frank journeyed to Orono, Maine, to install Tau Zeta Chapter. Eighteen months prior to its Twentieth Anniversary, Tau Epsilon Phi stretched from Maine to California, from Montreal to Florida.

If the Twenties were years of prosperity for the Fraternity, the Thirties will always be remembered as years when the fraternity belt was hitched a little tighter to ward off the pangs of the depression. The

1929-30 convention met at Baltimore and elected Founder Julius Breitenbach as Consul; little did he realize that he was to serve for the first critical three years of the depression. Nicholas Rogers became editor of **The Plume**, replacing Jerome E. Solomon and in turn was replaced by George Behrens in October, 1930. Behrens sounded the theme in his first issue with an editorial, entitled "Digging In Financially". **The Plume** was reduced to 24 pages under the policy of retrenchment and the long-awaited publications of the pledge and administrative manuals were deferred as was the expected hiring of a full-time Executive Secretary.

Even the Founders' Day Dinner, which had become an annual affair was curtailed. Instead, in a ceremony at the Alpha House on October 19, the 20th Anniversary of the Fraternity's founding was celebrated quietly as Founders Keys were presented the remaining nine by Past Consul M. C. C. Lillienfeld. Tribune Al Kleinberger emceed, and the first pledge, Maxmillian Nemser, paid tribute to Doctor I. Schwartz. (This was the first official presentation of the Founders Key, designed by Ben Klein. Actually, Mrs. Charles Driesen had been presented one by Tau Gamma Chapter a short while earlier in Los Angeles as part of the West Coast celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary.)

On December 27, 1930, the convention met at Boston and Breitenbach was elected to serve a second term as Consul. Stories appeared in **The Plume** telling of the hard times as schools that had flourishing TEP chapters and many of these chapters were forced to close their doors due to the greatly decreased enrollments. Tau, Xi, Iota, Tau Epsilon—all these suspended activities in the early thirties, as the total number of initiates sank to 167 for the school year. However, this same financial storm that restricted enrollments at the bigger and better-known schools, led to more students staying closer to home and resulted in the adding of some of the Fraternity's finest chapters in these schools. The first of these was

Tau Eta Chapter, which was installed at the University of Denver on February 13, 1931, by Vice Consul William Lipman and Western Praetor Milton Narwitz.

By late 1931, financial conditions had grown worse instead of improving. On August 2, the Grand Council held an emergency meeting in New York and "Resolved, that in view of the emergency condition confronting the fraternity and the Grand Council, the 1931 Convention is hereby declared postponed upon the ratification of three-quarters of the active chapters of this fraternity." In its place, an open Grand Council meeting was held around Christmas, with "unofficial representatives of the chapters there for purposes of advice," and a dance was held that night. The December issue of **The Plume** editorialized. "We

ASSISTANT TRIBUNES

- 1920 Edward Gresser, Zeta
- 1921 Herbert A. Kaiden, Lambda
- 1922 Murray Weiss, Delta
- 1923 Benjamin Altshuler, Iota
- 1924 Oscar Rubin, Gamma
- 1929 Nathaniel W. Gold, Epsilon
- 1930 Nathaniel W. Gold, Epsilon
- 1931 Nathaniel W. Gold, Epsilon
- 1933 Tom H. Mack, Chi
- 1937 Marvin Kahn, Psi
- 1948 Arthur Ochs, Jr., Sigma
- 1950 Richard Cohn, Alpha
- 1952 Max Barron, Theta
- 1954 Haskell Ostroff, Theta
- 1956 Jack Mintzer, Tau Xi

ASSISTANT QUAESTORS

- 1948 Gerald Becker, Rho
- 1950 Morton Handler, Sigma
- 1952 Norman Cohen, Alpha
- 1954 Jack A. King, Zeta Lambda Phi
- 1956 Jack A. King, Zeta Lambda Phi

are riding out the storm splendidly. The Chapters may have their economic difficulties, but many are building on solid ground."

Five new chapters were added to the roll in 1932, all within a period of two months, as Vice-Consul Lipman continued his vigorous expansion program in the face of the depression. On April 9, Phi Alpha Mu local at Dalhousie University became Tau Iota Chapter; Tau Theta had previously been installed at George Washington, and Tau Kappa at Arkansas; Tau Lambda at Purdue and Tu Mu at Connecticut quickly followed by the end of the school year. And on December 30, 1932, all five neophyte chapters were represented when the convention was called to order in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel, Washington.

Among the important business transacted was the permanent setting of the convention as a biennial affair, the establishment of Chapter Holding Corporations, and the establishment of the office of Executive Secretary to replace the office of Assistant Tribune. A word on this office is necessary.

Until 1933, the fraternity records and finances were handled jointly by the office of Annotator, Quaestor and Tribune. When the first office was set up in the Alpha House, these three men kept their files and records there; the office was kept open by Grand Council members in the evening for the transaction of business. However, as the fraternity grew larger and larger, the need for a full-time organization of the office and regular hours became apparent. The Grand Council considered the appointment of a full-time fraternity officer as early as 1928 but was forced to abandon the plans because of the depression. After the vote at the 1933 convention, the Grand Council set out to establish the position and, with the aid of a new organization, The Tau Epsilon Phi Foundation, Inc., organized in 1933 was able to do so. Thus in 1933, Fred Steiner, Assistant Tribune, was also appointed Executive Secretary, to handle the central office, travel to visit chapters,

etc. Steiner held the position until 1935, when Sid Suintag took over for a term as Acting Executive Secretary and Assistant Tribune. Brother Suintag's own recollection of the office at that time was as a combination chapter visitation officer and errand boy. Since he was still in Law School at the time, he came to the office evenings to answer mail, keep the records, etc. In 1938, following Brother Suintag's graduation from law school, Irving Klepper held the office until he was called to active duty in the Army in 1941. George Behrens was named to the position, which he handled through the difficult years of World War II, and of which more will be reported later. At the conclusion of the war, Eddie Ronkin was appointed by the Grand Council in 1945 and when he left to enter business in 1947, Sid Suintag took over and has held the office since.

1933 also marked the resignation of George Behrens as editor of **The Plume**. Tommie Mack and Neil Lieblich filled out the year and kept the magazine up to more than 40 pages an issue, with Phil Manne taking over in December of 1934. It also marked the official designation of a fraternity flag, similar to that in use today and the signing of the first contract with L. G. Balfour, Co., jewelers, a relationship that is fast approaching the twenty-fifth year.

The Founder's Day Dinner was revived and a huge crowd came to pay homage to the nine living founders. Julius Abeson "emceed" the most successful banquet to date, with I. Maurice Wormser, an honorary TEP, the main speaker.

In early 1934, the fourth edition of the Tau Epsilon Phi **Geographic** made its long-awaited appearance. Its 144 pages contained the names, addresses and chapter affiliation of over 2800 brothers; it represented the most ambitious publication in the fraternity's history.

It was during this time, under the consulship of Arthur Pite that the Grand Council embarked on one of its most ambitious programs. Feeling that one-day meetings were hardly sufficient to consider all

the work before them, Councillors held three-day weekend meetings, in addition to their duties at the Central Office week nights. Depression or none, the fraternity leaders were determined to celebrate the coming Silver Anniversary in style.

On October 19, the Founders' Day Dinner was held once again; it served to whet the appetites of all for the Silver Jubilee Convention in New York that December. One sad note was injected when former Consul Harry Kreeger, a former Consul and one of the fraternity's early work-horses, made his last appearance on a rostrum—he was to pass into Chapter Eternal only two months later, on the eve of the convention.

Two-hundred alumni gathered at the Hotel Commodore in New York on December 31, 1934, to usher in the Fraternity's twenty-fifth year. There were speeches galore, a formal dinner dance and the convention. Highlighting the convention was the election of Julius Breitenbach for an unprecedented third term as Consul—no one since has ever been thus honored.

For the first time in almost five years, a group met the exacting tests of the Grand Council's cautious expansion program and TEP gained its 37th chapter, Tau Nu at Virginia on April 4, 1936. A large crowd from Washington, Tribune Howard Simon and Al Kleinberger conducted the installation at Charlottesville. It was also in 1936 that the first third-generation TEP was initiated when Consul Breitenbach presided at the initiation of his son Max J. (The Consul's father had been an honorary member).

With the fraternity now pushing into its third decade, the January, 1937 convention, once again at Washington, marked significant changes in the structure of the National Officers as some of the "Old Guard" stepped down. Alfred Kleinberger and Irving Golembe, who had served five terms as Tribune and Quaestor respectively, retired from office to devote their time to the new Foundation and were replaced by Sidney Suntag and Seymour Hayman.

In choosing a Consul, the convention decided on Doc Schwartz. With this election, "Doc" became the only man in history either prior to or since 1936 to hold the three highest offices in the fraternity—Grand Chancellor (1921), Consul (1936) and Chairman of the Board of Trustees (1922-1936, 1938-).

Other legislation was enacted by the convention that was to have far-reaching effects in future years. First of all, the Board of Trustees was made a separate entity from the Grand Council, with final and complete powers to pass on chapter loans and matters pertaining to housing. After many years of squabbling, alumni were once again given representation in the Grand Chapter, with the granting of a vote to alumni clubs under certain provisions. And, once again, the office of Vice Consul was changed—this time there were to be four elected, with each to supervise a specific activity within the structure of the national organization.

Discussions of the convention were still waxing when two more chapters were added to TEP's swelling ranks. In 1925, many alumni from Northern schools had emigrated to Miami and soon organized an Alumni Club. Led by such men as Joe Lesser, Sam Heiman, Max Orovitz, Stanley Myers and Alex Rosenfeld, they pressed for a local chapter, and when the University of Miami reached prosperity, they, with the aid of transfers from Tau Alpha Chapter, petitioned for a charter. So, on March 28, 1937, a formal dinner at the Almanac Hotel marked the installation of Tau Xi Chapter. And less than two months afterwards another Southern Chapter was added in Tau Omicron at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn).

Two important changes were waiting for the Chapters when school opened that fall. Earlier, it was reported how Sid Suntag had been attending the National Office and finishing his law schooling. At the 1937 convention, he was elected Tribune, and in June he graduated and went into law practice, which left the office of Executive Secretary vacant once again. After considering many applications, the

Grand Council announced the appointment of Irving Klepper, who was to serve until the outbreak of World War II. And over that summer, Klepper collaborated with Suntag and Theodore Hecht to bring out the first issue of "The Portals of Tau Epsilon Phi", the fraternity's pledge manual. So fine was their work that newer editions of the publication still vary only slightly from what greeted pledges in October, 1937.

The twenty-seventh anniversary was marked that October at the Founders' Day Dinner, with over twenty chapters represented, but only two days later the Fraternity was saddened at the loss of Dr. Sylvan Lazarus, founder of Epsilon Chapter and of the old Long Island TEP Alumni Club.

Early 1938 also marked the induction of TEP's fortieth chapter, Tau Pi, at the University of Massachusetts. A thriving group of 41 that had been a local for four years, it was inducted by Irving Klepper, Sid Suntag, Sam Fein, Founder Leo Fried, Praetor Earl Gorden and many of TEP's Massachusetts Alumni.

The December, 1938, convention returned to New York once again and after listening to Dr. Schwartz's fine report as retiring Consul, elected Joseph (Tim) Bower, Consul in 1924-26, to serve another term. The first year of Bower's term was marked by the first "Man of the Year" award to be made by the fraternity, when Harold Rome, author of many Broadway hits was announced the recipient at the Founders' Day Dinner. In February, the last pre-World War II **Geographic** was issued by Executive Secretary Klepper, which showed that the fraternity had grown to 3,899 members; the **Geographic** itself occupied over 180 pages, the largest publication ever attempted by TEP.

For the first time in history, the 1940 Convention ventured South of the Mason-Dixon Line in meeting at Hollywood Beach, Fla., and was rewarded by the largest attendance yet; more than 500 brothers and their dates were in attendance at some of the func-

tions. Internal expansion was the keynote of the convention. The delegates voted to publish a fraternity songbook and named "The Sweetheart of Tau Epsilon Phi" by Marvin Kahn as the official sweetheart song of the fraternity. Revisions were voted in the code governing the Alumni Clubs and the publications tax was reinstated. It was also the sad duty of the delegates to memorialize Irving Golembe, who had passed away earlier during the year. Dr. Harry Strusser, noted dental leader and professor, was voted TEP's second "Man of the Year". And Louis Lebenthal was elected Consul for a two-year term that was to stretch until 1945. Thus the convention that was to mark the last big TEP gathering for five years came to an end.

In April, 1941, Executive Secretary Klepper was called into service with his reserve unit and George Behrens was named Executive Secretary. **The Plume**, under the editorship of Mortimer Schwartz, turned its October, 1941, issue into a "National Defense Issue" and for the second time in twelve years, TEP

ANNOTATORS

- 1917 Frederick Schwartz, Beta
- 1919 Michael C. C. Lillienfeld, Zeta
- 1920 Joseph H. Wildman, Alpha
- 1921 Louis H. Lebenthal, Gamma
- 1922 Charles Tobias, Alpha
- 1923 Samuel A. Eisenstat, Xi
- 1924 Solomon Sakrais, Beta
- 1925 Samuel Eisenstat, Xi
- 1926 Manuel Prenner, Lambda
- 1927 Manuel Prenner, Lambda
- 1928 Julius Abeson, Alpha
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The office of Annotator formerly fulfilled the functions presently carried out by the office of Executive Secretary. Thus, in 1930, when the Grand Council decided to hire its first full-time fraternity officer, the office of Annotator was abolished.

battered down the hatches.

If World War I had disrupted the growth of Tau Epsilon Phi, it was nothing compared to the chaos that prevailed in the Forties. And through it all the fraternity managed to carry on. Fifteen chapters kept their doors open throughout the war and **The Plume**—in eight-page newspaper style as opposed to the 40-page magazines of a few years before—appeared as often as possible, with much of its space devoted to service addresses and messages to and from the thousands of TEPs in service.

There were many stories of TEP heroism and space does not permit their telling. A few samples will have to suffice. Like the example of Lt. Victor Karpass, posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Confined to his bed, his ship was torpedoed and he was about to abandon ship when a wounded sailor was brought in needing immediate attention. Karpass was killed by an enemy shell as he stayed behind to perform the operation. Or Captain Joseph Risman, decorated with the Silver Star for crawling through Japanese fire in the jungles of the Solomons to bring aid to soldiers of the 43rd Division.

Meanwhile, the alumni were keeping the home fires burning. First they responded in grand style to Quaeator Louis Kanengieser's pleas for the "War Emergency Fund", needed to keep contact with the servicemen, despite the lower income. Then, at the Founders' Day Dinner in 1943, Consul Lebenthal proposed the purchase of a house to provide sleeping accommodations for servicemen passing through New York City and to house the National Offices. This plan was enthusiastically rallied to by the 150 men present and over \$8,000 was collected. On November 26, the Foundation took title to the house, which served as a National Center for the duration of the war. Today a plaque here commemorates the more than 50 TEP men who gave their lives in World War II, as Alpha Chapter once again occupies the structure.

"It was a Peace Convention and the 35th Anniversary Convention.

"For the first time since New Year's Day of 1941 alumni and chapter delegates poured into Manhattan from North, South, East and West for the Grand Chapter's four-day program of business and social festivities. Convention headquarters were established at the Hotel Pennsylvania." So spoke **The Plume**, in the last of its War Emergency Issues, of the New Years, 1946 convention. The gathering was marked by many long-awaited reunions, and A. Harold (Jack) Frost was elected Consul.

Activity was feverish, with new officers succeeding those who had served throughout the trying war years. George Behrens was replaced by Edward Ronkin in the Executive Secretary's job and, for the first time, Grand Council meetings were taken out of New York and moved around the country on a rotating basis.

In the fall of 1946, Eddie Ronkin resigned the office of Executive Secretary and to succeed him, there was only one choice. At the time a Major in the Army, Sid Suntag resigned his commission and took over the office, a job he has filled ever since.

A brief biography of "Mr. TEP" is in order. Born in New York in 1914, he entered Fordham in 1931. He was immediately pledged by two cousins, Neil Leiblich and George Behrens. After graduating from Fordham with a B.S., he entered N.Y.U. and received his LL. B. degree, serving as Assistant Tribune and Acting Executive Secretary while still in law school. After graduation, he was elected Tribune and practiced law until he was called into the Army in 1941, as a buck private. In June, 1942, Sid was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from Fort Benning, Ga., and shipped off to England with the famous Blue and Gray (29th Infantry) Division.

After a year and a half in England, and by now a Captain, Sid commanded a company on D-Day in the 29th's famous and bloody assault of Omaha Beach, Normandy. Only days later, he was sent back to

England for repairs after receiving shell fragments in the head and face. Four months later, back on the battlefield again, he was again wounded in action and sent back to the States for further hospitalization. A brief tour in the United States and a promotion to Major preceeded his discharge and acceptance of the fraternity position.

One of the first items on the agenda was the continued expansion of the fraternity into good schools where expansion was booming in enrollments. Thus, 1947 saw seven new chapters receive charters as old chapters were being revived and the fraternity began to mushroom to record proportions. Chapters were added at Florida Southern, Wyoming, UCLA, Marshall, Louisville, Newark Engineering and Illinois Tech, and many of the old standbys opened their doors for the first time since the war. **The Plume**, edited by Bob Brenner, resumed its magazine format and the pledge manual was revised for the first time in eight years.

In December, 1947, TEP invaded Boston for the second time in history for its 37th Anniversary Convention; many of the by-laws were brought up to date, the size of the Grand Council was increased to 25 and the regions were realigned to the present system of Regional Consuls. Fred Mann, active in the fraternity for over 30 years, was elected Consul for the coming two years.

Of the ten-year period that brings us to date, there is much to chronicle; but it is hard to put it in its proper perspective because much of the work continued in that decade is still going on, many of the plans are now bearing fruit. Some, however, deserve comment.

Twelve new chapters were added to the roster, in schools all over the country from New Hampshire (Dartmouth) to Florida (Florida State); from Rhode Island to California and the fraternity continued to grow at a rate that amazes even the most expansion-minded of the pioneers. When the **Geographic** appeared in 1950 and showed over 8,000 brothers they

asked, "What more?". Yet, this **Geographic** will show the roster expanded to more than 12,000.

In the old Foundation and Endowment Funds, every need of the fraternity seemed to be satisfied; then, in 1951, the Atlanta alumni hatched the idea for what is today the Tau Epsilon Phi Scholarship and Student Aid Fund, a project that rewards needy students with loans to continue their schooling regardless of race, color or creed, or fraternal affiliation. The story of the scholarship fund is far from completed and it remains for a historian of a future era to record its tale.

There is the transition of Tau Epsilon Phi from a one-room, one-man organization in a side room of the Alpha House, to a modern business basis occupying a suite of offices in midtown Manhattan, complete with mailing and addressograph files, two full-time secretaries and all the modern machinery needed for keeping up with the doings and wanderings of 12,000 busy TEPs.

There are the men, always changing, with new blood coming into national prominence as the old-timers step aside. Where the names of Schwartz, Breitenbach, Lebenthal, Golembe, Bower, Pite, Lilienfeld, Weil, et al will always be remembered in the history of TEP and the days when to preserve the baby fraternity was a struggle, so a new crop of names are seen in prominence in **The Plume** and the minutes of the Grand Council. TEP men of a future era will look back on names like Shaman, Heiman, Ostroff, Kates, Fein, Ochs, Gerson, Manes, Evans, et al and point them out as leaders in this period of the development of Tau Epsilon Phi.

From ten men with a vision to 12,000; from one chapter meeting in a classroom to 50 with houses valued at more than two million dollars; from a four-page bulletin to a large modern magazine. That is the past of Tau Epsilon Phi. The future is before us.