



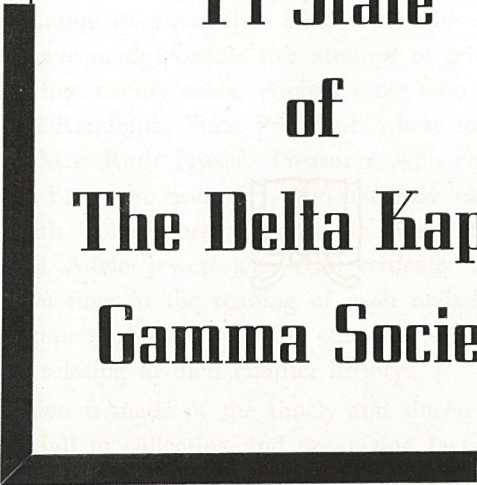
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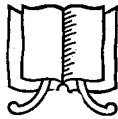
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A First Word

The historical sketch which follows has been written in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of The Pi State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. It is dedicated to those leaders in local chapters and in the state organization, who have labored so unselfishly to bring the Society to its present status, and who have, in so doing, not only honored women educators, but also advanced the cause of education in New York State.

The material presented here is not a formal history. It is a portrayal in word and picture of the origin and growth of the Society in New York State. A complete story of Pi State's growing-up years would be impossible since the real story is written in the love, labor and loyalty of members and their leaders. However, from official records, publications, scrapbooks, correspondence, and histories of local chapters, the major events have been discovered, assembled in chronological order, and recorded on the pages that follow.

Grateful appreciation is extended to all persons who with their specific help and kind suggestions have made possible this attempt to put into permanent form the story of Pi State's first twenty years. Among those who merit special mention are: Miss Virginia Fitz Randolph, State President, whose loyal support kept the work moving forward; Miss Ruth Frazer, Treasurer, who checked number facts; Miss Gladys Mersereau, Executive Secretary, who patiently answered every call for information; Miss Edith Conard and Miss Dania Kysor who jointly supervised the printing; Miss Ida Adele Jewett who read critically the first draft; Miss Nelle Brumelle who gave time to the reading of each revision of the manuscript; and those individual representatives of local chapters who checked the accuracy of statements of fact relating to their chapter history.

Special recognition is made of the timely and sincere effort on the part of the late Dr. Lolabel Hall in collecting and organizing facts on the founding and the early history of the state organization which she served as president. Her work gave authenticity and accuracy to this record.

The synchronization of the Pi State history with that of the national organization has been greatly simplified by the use of the report of the main events in the history of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, "The First Quarter of a Century," appearing in the 1954 Summer Bulletin of the Society.

The effort and time involved in compiling this sketch have been repaid in full in terms of the opportunity given to place before its members, and to preserve for the future, an organized statement of the facts of the founding and the growth of Pi State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society from nineteen hundred thirty-six to nineteen hundred fifty-six.

March 1956

—ALICE A. PIERCE

A Tribute to Founders

Now Abideth Faith, Hope and Love

by DR. LOLABEL HALL

Our Founders' FAITH is a flaming torch
To light the path for teachers' feet
As their hard path was made to glow
By those who came in days gone by.
They, following humbly in His steps,
Who is embodiment of Life and Word,
Came soon to know, in deepest soul,
The proudest name the Master bore
Was that of Teacher.

Our Founders' HOPE is as the mighty surge
Of life in spring, throughout the earth;
The tiny shoot, in crevice riven,
Will rend the rocks.
The seeds our Founders sow
Destruction bring to evils long entrenched.
As fields of grain man's body feed,
Man's spirit grows to greater girth
By gracious Learning's spread.

Our Founders' LOVE is as the heat
Of burning fire and healing sun;
The fire to purge away the dross
And leave the metal fine,
For forging swords to fight Apollyon's horde;
The sun to heal and make men strong,
With warmth to melt the icy chill
Of superstition, ignorance, and sloth.

Our Founders' LOVE is wide as Learning's gate
To take in justice, truth and honour high;
As warm as summer sun
To nourish all our life on earth,
The spirit, mind and body—one;
As deep as ocean's depth
To furnish moisture for earth's thirsty needs.
Their "hate of men" and "scorn of scorn"
Have made them prophets of a nobler world
To which their "love of love" gives us the key.

The Beginning—

A Woman With A Dream

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, founder and first president of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, was the one who envisioned and brought into existence this organization, designed to honor women leaders in education. It was she who, using the ritual which has since been changed only in minor details, initiated those outstanding women teachers that today we recognize and revere as National Founders. Thus, on May 11, 1929 in Austin, Texas, was realized the dream of one who foresaw an organization committed to the advancement of women teachers and to the cause of education.

Dr. Blanton was convinced that women leaders in education should unite and once united would act together to support those purposes for which The Delta Kappa Gamma Society stands. Time has proven her convictions valid. The Society has grown in a quarter of a century from twelve members to a membership which exceeds 50,000 and which extends beyond the borders of the United States. The record of achievement of local, state, national and international groups is further evidence of the sincerity of commitment of those to whom the honor of membership has been extended.



Annie Webb Blanton

NATIONAL FOUNDERS OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY

Miss Mamie S. Bastian (deceased)
Dr. Annie Webb Blanton (deceased)
Miss Ruby Cole (deceased)
Miss Mabel Grizzard, Waxahachie,
Texas
Miss Anna Hiss, Austin, Texas
Miss Ray King, Fort Worth, Texas

Miss Sue King (deceased)
Dr. Helen Koch, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax, Dallas, Texas
Dr. Cora M. Martin, Austin, Texas
Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, Austin, Texas
Miss Lela Lee Williams, Dallas, Texas

Founders of Pi State

Miss Katherine Devereux Blake

School administrator, New York City, teacher, author, lecturer, representative to The Hague Peace Conference (deceased)

Dr. R. Louise Fitch

Dean of women, Cornell University, Ithaca (retired, Tacoma, Washington; transferred to Washington State)

Dr. Lolabel Hall

First assistant, head of economics department, Bay Ridge High School, Brooklyn (deceased)

Miss Ruth Mack Havens

Head of kindergarten department, State University Teachers College, New Paltz, New York (retired)

Mrs. Grace C. Hoberg

Principal, elementary school, Yonkers, New York

Dr. Ida Adele Jewett

Associate professor of English, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City (retired)

Dr. Elizabeth McDowell

Formerly associate professor of speech, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; psychologist, Bureau of Child Welfare, State of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey

Miss Pauline A. Meyer

Head of the music department, State University Teachers College, Cortland, New York (retired, New Woodstock, Connecticut)

Dr. Catherine Walsh Peltz

Associate professor of English, State University Teachers College, Albany, New York.

Dr. Alice A. Pierce

Professor of education, State University Teachers College, Cortland, New York

Dr. Lizzie E. Rector

Assistant superintendent, New York City school system (deceased)

Miss Mary A. Sheehan

Principal, Monroe High School, Rochester, New York

Miss Ruth Stewart

Principal, Chatworth School, Larchmont, New York (deceased)

Mrs. Dorothy Douglas Thatcher

Head of the high school science department, Poughkeepsie, New York

Honorary Membership

Each year The Delta Kappa Gamma Society extends an invitation to two women who have won national recognition by virtue of their contribution to education or by their service to the welfare of women. A total of thirty distinguished women have accepted national honorary membership in the Society. Of these, the New York State organization has had the privilege of inducting into fellowship the following:

Hon. Florence Allen

Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Cleveland, Ohio. Initiated, 1940

Mrs. Mary Ritter Beard

Author in the fields of economics and history, Connecticut. Initiated, 1938

Dr. Jean Betzner

Author, lecturer, former professor of education, Columbia University. Initiated, 1938 (retired)

Miss Katherine Devereux Blake

School administrator, New York City, teacher, author, lecturer, representative to the Hague Peace Conference. Initiated, 1936 (deceased)

Dr. Lillian Moller Gilbreth

President, Gilbreth, Inc., construction engineer, author, psychologist, Phi Beta Kappa, A.A.U.W., homemaker for "Cheaper by the Dozen" family, New Jersey; first woman to receive award for distinguished service from the engineering societies of America. Initiated, 1950

Dr. Patty Smith Hill

Professor emeritus of education, Teachers College, Columbia University, author, lecturer. Initiated, 1936 (deceased)

Dr. Margaret Mead

Anthropologist, writer, lecturer, associate curator of ethnology, American Museum of Natural History, New York City. Initiated, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde

Lecturer, author, teacher, member of 71st and 72nd Congresses from Florida; E.E. and M.P., Denmark; alternate United States representative, United Nations 4th Assembly, New York City. Initiated, 1944 (deceased)

Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

Former First Lady, world traveler; former United States representative to the General Assembly and chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, United Nations. Initiated, 1948

Dr. Mary Emma Woolley

President of Mount Holyoke College. Initiated, 1942 (deceased)

**State
Honorary**

During the past twenty years, fourteen notable women have accepted honorary membership in the New York State organization.

Two from this list of esteemed members have been lost to the Society by death: *Miss Alberta Bennett* and *Dr. Lizzie Rector*.

The items, accompanying each name below, indicate briefly the nature and extent of the services, past and present, of these honored members.

MISS THYRA ANDREN

Norwegian representative to WCOTP; elementary principal, Oslo; United Nations educational worker in Ethiopia in the field of home economics. Initiated, 1948

MISS ALBERTA BENNETT

Head of public relations and director of the college department of the Biltmore Hotel; co-director of European tours for girls; vice-president of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; member of Junior League; president of Syracuse Alumni Association of New York City. Initiated, 1938 (deceased)

DR. R. LOUISE FITCH

Former Dean of Women, Cornell University; traveler; author; lecturer; community leader; currently participating in study of the aged (retired, Tacoma, Washington, transferred to Washington State). Initiated, 1936

MRS. CAROLINE WERNER GANNETT

Regent of the University of the State of New York; civic leader and humanitarian who has contributed much to the development of social projects, such as youth programs, migrant work, and rehabilitation of the handicapped. Initiated, 1951

MRS. C. DOROTHEA GREENE

Lecturer; member of League of Women Voters, Y.W.C.A. and New York State Federation of Women's Clubs; former director of Women's Affairs in FHA; NYA Training Center, Auburn, New York; Educational Rehabilitation in Refugee Camps in Egypt and Palestine; Vocational and Employment Programs in Germany and Austria; recipient in 1950 of a citation for service "above and beyond the call of duty" to Jewish DP's. To be initiated, March, 1956, by Nu Chapter

MISS J. WINIFRED HUGHES

Executive Secretary of Alumni Association, Syracuse University; former president, Zonta International; leader in community affairs. Initiated, 1946

MRS. JEANNETTE JOHNSON

Member of Governor Dewey's Committee of 100 for Child and Youth; member of Child Welfare Committee of New York State Association of Councils and Chests and American Civic Association; director, New York State Welfare Conference; chairman, Nursing School of Charles Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, New York. Initiated, 1950.

DR. MARY EUGENIA OWEN

Editor of *Instructor*; Secretary-Treasurer of F. A. Owen Publishing Company, Dansville, New York; author; former president of American Press Association; New York editing chairman of AAUW; chairman of advisory committee, Pi Lambda Theta Journal. Initiated, 1955

MRS. LU B PAINE

Author; director of the Department of Field Operations, Campfire Girls of America. Initiated, 1954.

MISS EDITHA PARSONS

Professor Emeritus, School of Drama, Syracuse University; author; former research worker for Rockefeller Foundation. Initiated, 1954

DR. LIZZIE RECTOR

Assistant superintendent of schools, New York City; former principal, Public School No. 4, Manhattan. Initiated, 1936 (deceased)

MISS ELLEN EDDY SHAW

Author; lecturer; former curator of elementary instruction, Brooklyn Botanic Garden; former president, Department of Science Instruction, N.E.A.; special lecturer, School Nature Study Union of Great Britain; recipient of Arthur Hoyt Scott Garden Award, Swarthmore College. Initiated, 1937

MRS. GEORGIANNA SIBLEY

Former member of the National Council of the Episcopal Church; vice-president of the International Christian University Foundation of Japan; former president of the National Council of Church Women; voted "Mother of the Year" in 1945; active member of the Y.W.C.A.; member of United States Delegation to United Nations organization meeting in San Francisco; civic leader, city of Rochester, New York. Initiated, 1955

HON. KATHERINE ST. GEORGE

Congresswoman, 29th District, New York; donor of St. George 4-H Scholarships; former president of Board of Education, Tuxedo Park, New York. Initiated, 1954.

**Local
Honorary**

To local chapters, also, is given the privilege of electing women to honorary membership who have won distinction because of their service to the welfare of women or to education.

New York State's twenty-six local chapters have on their membership rolls the names of 39 such outstanding women.

The First Twenty Years

On April 18, 1936, Pi State organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was founded in New York City. Fourteen women leaders in education in New York State were invited by the national founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, to become New York State founders. The initiation ceremony took place in the Hotel Biltmore in New York City under the direction of Mrs. Norma Smith Bristow, National President. She was assisted by Miss Anna Hiss, National Founder, and Miss Lena Mary Horton, a member, then residing in New York City.

Three state members from widely separated points in the state were also initiated at this meeting. They were Miss Winifred Cook of Kenmore; Dr. Abbie Louise Day of New York City; and Miss Ada R. Madden of Watertown.

Those elected to office at this first state meeting were Miss Ruth Mack Havens, President; Dr. Lizzie E. Rector, First Vice President; Dr. Lolabel Hall, Second Vice President; Dr. Ida Adele Jewett, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Catherine W. Peltz, Recording Secretary; Miss Pauline Meyer, Keeper of Records; Mrs. Dorothy Douglass Thatcher, Parliamentarian; and Dr. Alice A. Pierce, Treasurer.

Time has wrought its inevitable changes on those Pi State Founders who stood shoulder to shoulder on that spring day and took the oath of loyalty to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Nevertheless, the results of their cumulative and individual efforts and their devotion, spent in fulfillment of Delta Kappa Gamma ideals and purposes, are clearly evident at the close of the first twenty years of Pi State history. However, all founders, if permitted to do so, would hastily agree that the quality of the soil in which their efforts were planted has determined, beyond all other factors, the proud position of Pi State in the year 1956.

The year 1936 was in many respects a banner year for the Society. Ten states, including New York State, joined the organization to complete the roster of twenty states with a total membership that exceeded three thousand. Many of the Society's now well known documents—the Constitution, the Initiation Ritual, the Founders' Day Bulletin, and the Handbook—were printed for the first time. It was during this year also, that the custom of having Delta Kappa Gamma meetings in conjunction with the meetings of such national professional organizations as the National Education Association was established.

Pi State caught the spirit of Mrs. Bristow's dynamic administration in her position as the Society's second national president. A sound foundation was laid for future growth by a careful but steady selection of members. The development of strong bonds of spiritual fellowship resulted in closely knit chapters in which members not only sang, but also experienced that "Each is bound to each as brother."

Nationally, the organization of states was completed by 1945. New York State, despite the handicaps of rigorous restrictions on travel by the Office of Defense Transportation during the war years, continued to grow. Largely, through the efforts of Miss Ruth Mack Havens, State President, Alpha Chapter was organized during the first year of the organization's history. Under the superior leadership of the presidents who followed Miss Havens, expansion continued. By 1945, nine chapters had been organized in New York State.

A study of the chart, which carries details of local chapter organization, shows that 1944, 1950, and 1955 were the years of greatest growth and April the month of the greatest number of birthdays. One-half of all Pi State chapters can claim as birthstone, whether or not of significance, the most precious of jewels, the diamond.

However, growth in stature of Pi State consisted of qualities not told by numbers on membership rolls. Happiness in friendships newly made; joy in sharing; satisfaction in achievement of seemingly impossible goals; pride in the dignity and worth of the organization's leadership—all of these and much more in the form of imponderables have come to Pi State in its growing up years.

Each state president contributed to the organization from her own stock of leadership skills, her personal qualities, and her physical strength. Each administration has been marked by emphasis on certain policies and practices. An attempt has been made to recognize such emphasis in the sketches which follow.

Pi State Presidents



Ruth Mack Havens
1936-1938

Miss Ruth Mack Havens of New Paltz, founder and first state president, had perhaps the most difficult task, that of launching the organization. This she did effectively as may be observed by the present strength of Pi State not only in numbers, but also in spirit. Her success was due in no small way to her emphasis on careful, unhurried selection of candidates for membership. By this method she built a strong foundation for later expansion of the organization. Three local chapters, Alpha, Beta, and Gamma were founded during Miss Havens' administration.



Elsa Brookfield
1938-1942

Dr. Elsa Brookfield of Elmira, who followed Miss Havens in the office of state president, brought to the office a background of education and social understanding which gave to the organization a certain status that was greatly appreciated. Her ability to inspire the membership to improved ways of thinking, her continued emphasis on appreciation of scholarship and culture, and her personal example of womanliness remain unmatched in the history of Pi State leadership.

During this administration, ties between the state organization and the local chapter were strengthened. Dr. Brookfield's interest in the affairs of local chapters, her appearance at chapter meetings, and her participation in all phases of the program of the state organization strengthened ties of fellowship throughout the state. To this gracious lady goes much credit for the firm foundation of good will on which Pi State builds today.

Delta Chapter, the fourth local chapter to be organized in the state, has the distinction of being organized by Dr. Brookfield.



Lolabel Hall
1942-1944

To Dr. Lolabel Hall of Brooklyn, founder and third state president, goes recognition for sincere devotion to a cause. Despite poor health, she was an indefatigable worker for Pi State. During and after her presidency she traveled, more often than not at her own expense, to organize chapters, five of which stand to her credit, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, and Iota. During her administration she put great stress on the study of Pioneer Women. Several worthy studies of noted women teachers in New York State resulted from this program. Her emphasis on making Delta Kappa Gamma a genuine sisterhood will not soon be forgotten, especially by those conservative members who found it difficult to call their administrators by their first names.

Dr. Hall made many lasting friendships throughout the state. Her passing was an immeasurable loss to the Pi State organization. Although her ambitions for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in New York State were not to be realized in her day, the goals she sought are being achieved under the leadership of those to whom she passed the torch.



Elizabeth Elliot Turbin
1944-1946

Miss Elizabeth Elliot of Yonkers, now Mrs. Raymond Turbin, followed Dr. Hall as State President. Through her own personal charm she brought to the office of state leader a gaiety and lightheartedness that was much needed after the war years. It was during this period that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society became the group without a leader. Dr. Blanton, the guiding spirit of the organization since its founding, died on October 2, 1945. However, Dr. Margaret Stroh, National Executive Secretary, said, "No more eloquent tribute to the worth of her leadership could possibly have been imagined than the way in which we carried on." In New York State, much credit goes to Mrs. Turbin for the manner in which we carried on. A return, after the war years, to the accustomed ways of birthday luncheons, candle light, and song was not easy, but the gift of leadership in the Pi State President gradually brought the needed change.



Gladys Mersereau
1946-1948

Miss Gladys Mersereau of Endicott became Pi State's fifth president. Her administration was both dynamic and fruitful. The difficult problems of expansion were faced. Kappa and Lambda were founded, raising the total of chapters in the state to eleven. The division of well established, but overcrowded chapters, failed to come at this time. However, the ground work was laid. Unorganized areas of the state were given attention. Thus, the rate of chapter formation was accelerated in the years immediately ahead.

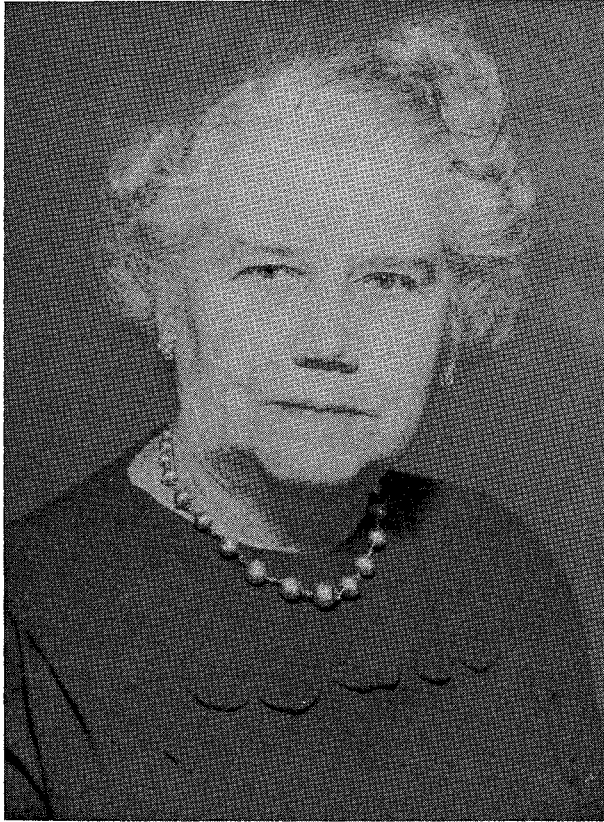
During Miss Mersereau's presidency the National Convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was held in New York City. As president of the hostess state, Miss Mersereau proved her administrative and organizing skill. The Society had reached a membership of 30,000 in the nation. Of the 462 who attended the convention, 66 were Pi State members. Miss Mersereau's gracious leadership gave dignity and sincerity to the Founders' Day ceremony at which she presided on this occasion.



Marion de Quetteville
1948-1950

Miss Marion de Quetteville of Port Jervis, first president of Zeta Chapter, became the sixth president of the New York State organization. Her attractive appearance and gracious, friendly manner were assets in this position. She led easily and Pi State grew steadily. The organization of Mu, Nu and Pi Chapters were completed at this time by the immediate past president. Miss de Quetteville organized Omicron Chapter on Long Island and Xi Chapter was formed from the Southern Tier membership of Beta Chapter, making a total of sixteen chapters in the state.

In addition to carrying the responsibilities of the office of state president, Miss de Quetteville worked with a national committee on the problem of expansion in foreign countries. She made contacts in Quebec and Montreal, laying the ground work for the organization of Quebec Province.



Edith Conard
1950-1953

Miss Edith Conard of Brooklyn succeeded Miss de Quetteville in office. The total membership of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in the nation by 1950 had reached 39,279. New York State had kept pace with a membership of 859. At the close of this administration in 1953, the organization claimed a total of 21 chapters. It was at this time that the plan was inaugurated to provide for state elections in the odd-numbered years, to alternate with national elections. This plan extended Miss Conard's term to a three year assignment, which she graciously accepted. Her long association with and service to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society qualified her well for the office of state president. She saw clearly the challenging problems and opportunities which the position presented. Her quiet approach resulted in a regime characterized by sincerity of purpose and practicality of procedure. Her persistent emphasis on thoroughness in administration resulted in the addition to the staff of the office of executive secretary. Throughout her three years of leadership in Pi State Miss Conard kept always before the membership the first purpose of the Society, namely, "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship".



Marion Estes Masoner
1953-1955

Mrs. Marion Estes Masoner of Rochester became the eighth Pi State President. Her friendly spirit and eagerness to serve fully the purpose of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society made her an effective and respected state president. She emphasized the need for business-like procedures in the conduct of meetings and the need to keep open the lines of communication among members. During this administration careful study was given to needed expansion by an active organization committee. Four new chapters, Chi, Psi, Omega, and Alpha Alpha were organized, bringing the total to twenty-five.

Emphasis on meaningful service, especially on the part of leaders, brought about regional meetings and a change in the time of appointment of state committee chairmen. Emphasis, also, on appropriate recognition of service to the Society resulted (in this administration) in the giving, for the first time in the state, an award of merit in the form of a gold pin.



Virginia Fitz Randolph
1955-

In 1955, Miss Virginia Fitz Randolph of Yonkers moved up from the office of vice-president to become Pi State's ninth state president. Her immediate grasp of the organization's problems and her sure, business-like manner of approach to their solution gave the membership assurance that Pi State would round out its second decade in trustworthy hands. That hers would be no ordinary administration was evident in the theme which she borrowed from Longfellow for her first executive board meeting:

"Build on and make thy castles high and fair
Rising and reaching upward to the sky".

Organization and Administration

Over the years the practice of administering the business of the organization at the state level at a meeting of the Executive Board in the fall and again in the spring prior to the annual state convention has developed in New York State. The Executive Board consists of the State President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, and the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the State Founders, the past State Presidents, and the Chapter Presidents. The Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Parliamentarian are ex-officio, non-voting members. In addition to routine business, new policies are considered by this board for presentation to the membership.

Executive Board

A Board of Trustees of five members, consisting of the president, the immediate past president, the treasurer, the recording secretary and one founder, elected from the state founders, constitutes the official board of the society. This board conducts all legal business for Pi State and submits a budget annually. It is customary for the group to meet directly after the meeting of the Executive Board.

Board of Trustees

During the early years two state-wide conventions, one in the fall and one in the spring, were held. There were few local chapter members. Founders and state members were scattered throughout the state. At these meetings acquaintance was fostered and plans for expansion were made. The first state-level meeting was held on November 7, 1936, at the Hotel Commodore in New York City. Those who attended were treated to intimate and delightful glimpses of Dr. Patty Smith Hill's account of her own career and were thrilled with Miss Katherine Blake's first-hand impressions of the work of the League of Nations at Geneva.

State Conventions and Chapter Organizations

The first spring convention was held in Albany on April 10, 1937. At this meeting new state members were initiated. Following this meeting under the leadership of the State President, Miss Ruth Mack Havens, Alpha Chapter was organized with twenty-one charter members from the Kingston area. To Mrs. Ilene Compton was given the honor of being the first local chapter president in the state.

In 1937 the fall state convention was held in New York City. At this meeting the announcement was made that, through the untiring efforts of Dr. Lolabel Hall, a certificate of incorporation had been granted to the organization on April 10, 1937, by the State of New York. The first members to serve Pi State as trustees of this corporation were: Miss Ruth Mack Havens, Mrs. Grace Hoberg, Dr. Catherine Peltz, Miss Ruth Stewart, and Dr. Lolabel Hall.

On February 12, 1938, Beta Chapter with twelve charter members was organized in Cortland, New York, under the direction of Miss Ruth Mack Havens, State President, Miss Pauline Meyer, State Founder, and Dr. Alice A. Pierce, State Founder. Miss Meyer became Beta's very efficient first president.

At the spring convention, held in New York City on May 14, 1938, eighteen new members were initiated. The membership at the close of the second year stood at eighty-five. Miss Havens was presented a loving cup in appreciation of her devoted services to Pi State in its first two formative years. At this meeting Dr. Elsa Brookfield of Elmira was elected to the office of State President.

Following this meeting, Gamma Chapter with 16 charter members, representing Westchester County, was organized under the leadership of the State President and Mrs. Grace S. Hoberg, State Founder. Miss Bertha Smith, a New York State pioneer teacher, was elected first president of Gamma.

The practice of one, rather than two state meetings, was unanimously agreed upon at the next state convention, which was held in Syracuse on November 19, 1938. However, when this proposition was presented to the delegates at the spring meeting on May 20, 1939, in New York City, it was not approved. Therefore, two state meetings each year were held until it seemed advisable to discontinue all meetings because of war conditions.

Beginning in October 1944, the practice of holding a State Executive Board Meeting in the fall and a state convention in the spring was instituted. This procedure, which proved to be satisfactory, has since been followed.

During the past twenty years, Pi State has averaged slightly more than one new chapter each year. Allocation of territory, areas of sparse population, and division of over-crowded chapters have been recurring problems. The first chapter to decide on division was Beta. On April 29, 1950, the Southern Tier area of Beta territory became Xi Chapter. Funds were prorated on the basis of membership and equipment was provided for the new chapter from the permanent fund.

On April 29, 1953, the parallel chapter plan was started. Upsilon and Phi Chapters were chartered, making with Gamma three parallel chapters drawing members from Westchester County. To avoid duplicate invitations being issued, a clearing house, consisting of members of all chapters in the area, was established. The plan stipulates that chapters may join for social activities, for scholarship fund-raising enterprises, and for selective recruitment affairs.

In 1955 Omega Chapter and Alpha Chapter were organized on a modified parallel plan in the Rochester area, with Omega drawing members largely from the area to the east of the city and Alpha Alpha Chapter drawing members from the area previously occupied solely by Eta Chapter.

Able committees on chapter organization have given much time and thought to the problem involved in expansion of the organization within the state. The accompanying reproduction of the map used in studying the problem is evidence of the thoroughness with which this problem has been approached.

At the close of the year 1955, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in New York State is administered locally by the executive boards of the twenty-six chapters in existence, and at the state level by an executive board, a board of trustees, and an executive secretary. All are governed by one Constitution, that of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

As in all democratically organized groups, the most significant work in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is done by committees. In order to provide continuity in programs of work, the Executive Board on September 18, 1954, adopted a plan whereby state committee chairmen are to take office in the years that alternate with the inauguration of new state officers. As a result of this action, 1954 state committee chairmen will serve through 1956.

With the rapid growth in membership that took place in New York State, executives were faced with heavy burdens of administrative responsibility. At the

**State
Executive
Secretary**

State Executive Board meeting on September 29, 1950, a committee was appointed by Miss Conard, State President, to study the feasibility of the employment of a state executive secretary. Such an official was needed to assist the president in keeping records, planning conventions, and representing the state at local chapter meetings.

Upon recommendation of this committee at the spring convention in April 1951, the State Executive Board voted to employ an executive secretary. The plan adopted called for this official to be selected by the State Executive Board, to be reimbursed for expenses, and to be given a small honorarium for services. At the 1951 fall State Board meeting, Miss Gladys Mersereau, former Pi State president, was selected to fill the position.

In addition to carrying on the routine duties incident to the office, Miss Mersereau has collected and filed such records and materials as were available at both state and chapter levels, including bulletins, convention data, committee reports, and research studies. She has instituted new procedures for state conventions, distributed information needed in the administration of the affairs of the Society, such as names and addresses of newly elected state and chapter committee chairmen and names and addresses of chapter and state officers.

The practice of providing for a necrologic service on Sunday morning following the annual state convention was introduced by Miss Mersereau. She also introduced the use of printed expense forms. In 1954 and again in 1955 she assisted the state president in conducting three state regional meetings. One of her most worthwhile undertakings is the organization of a continuing permanent membership card file of membership in the state.

Miss Mersereau's contributions have not been confined to the office of executive secretary. Her influence has reached from the local chapter to the national organization. In 1952 she organized Sigma and Tau Chapters. In 1949-1950 she served as chairman of the National Committee on the Educational Roster, and as a member of the National Committee on Awards from 1948 to 1954. As Northeast Regional Director from 1952 to 1954, she visited sixteen states and planned and directed the Northeast Regional meeting in Kentucky. In addition, she contributed an article on state publications to the 1954 fall issue of the national magazine of the Society, *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

During her five years of service as state executive secretary, Miss Mersereau has given stability and stature not only to the position of this state office, but also to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in New York State and the nation. In recognition of her services, Pi State awarded Miss Mersereau an honorarium of one hundred dollars in 1952 and the same amount in 1955.

By constitutional provision, the state treasurer in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is selected by and serves at her pleasure and that of the State Executive

**State
Treasurer**

Board. Dr. Alice A. Pierce of Beta Chapter was the first to serve the state in this office. Upon her resignation on June 8, 1942, Miss Anna Nolan of Delta Chapter was appointed to the position. She served until June 24, 1948, at which time Miss May Evans of Alpha Chapter became state treasurer. When she resigned, Miss Ruth Fraser of Theta Chapter was selected for the position. She assumed the office on November 6, 1954.

As the membership multiplied, so did the duties of the treasurer. In recognition of the scope and the value of the services of this officer to the Society, the State Executive Board on September 9, 1952, voted to present an honorarium of one hundred dollars to the person filling this office. Miss Evans was the recipient of this honorarium in 1952 and again in 1954. Miss Fraser's services were recognized by the Society in like manner in 1955.

Regional meetings have become a practice in New York State. Area meetings have stimulated activity and have provided opportunities for greater numbers of local chapter members to profit from leadership at the state and national level.

Regional Meetings

The mid-winter interstate luncheon has become a tradition. Epsilon, Gamma and Omicron Chapters were the first sponsors. Later they were joined by Phi and Upsilon Chapters in directing this event. The initial meeting was held on January 26, 1952, at the Hotel Commodore in New York City to honor Mrs. Eunah Holden, National President, and Dr. Margaret Stroh, National Executive Secretary. Eleven states were represented among the 212 members and guests who were in attendance. They came from Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Tennessee, Washington, D. C., and Washington state. Mrs. Holden closed her address with a plea to her listeners to re-examine the value concepts that they are building in children. She left the group with this prayerful thought: "God help us to be good teachers, to give . . . vision to the young people we teach . . ."

All subsequent luncheons have been held in New York City. At the 1953 meeting, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke on "Women of the Near East". Those privileged to hear this memorable address, which was recorded for later broadcasting, came not only from the eastern states but also from points as far distant as California, Texas, Arkansas, Idaho, Washington state, Korea, Chile, and London.

The third meeting, which had the traditionally wide geographical representation, was held on February 20, 1954, in honor of the National President, Mrs. Maria Pierce. She challenged the group to a high quality of leadership in the affairs of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Mrs. Edna McGuire Boyd, the newly elected National President, was honored at the fourth meeting, held on February 5, 1955. She inspired the group with her address based on the following quotation from the writings of Alexander Hamilton:

"Sacred rights of man, written as with a sunbeam, can never be erased by human power".

The revised constitution in 1946 provided for four regional directors at the national level. New York State by this provision became a part of the Northeast Region and served as hostess state for the first regional meeting, which was held in the city of Rochester in 1949. Each biennial meeting of this region has been well supported by Pi State members who return to their respective chapters with renewed enthusiasm for the Society's program.

Regional Directors

The honor of being elected at the 1952 national convention as northeast regional director was extended to Miss Gladys Mersereau. Her two year administration in this office was a credit to Pi State.

Intra-Chapter Meetings

Intra-chapter meetings, especially in areas where chapters have subdivided, have provided for continued contacts of members. Beta Chapter and Xi Chapter, for example, sponsor a joint meeting in the spring; Alpha and Zeta Chapters meet together in the fall.

The first Pi State regionals were held in the fall of 1954. The eastern group met at Lake Minnewaska on September 25; the central group, at New Hartford on October 2; and the western group, in Rochester on October 9.

Intra-State Regionals

In 1955 the practice was continued with the representatives from the eastern area meeting at Lake Minnewaska on October 1, those from the central area at Whitesboro on October 15, and those from the western area in Corning on September 24.

Meetings are functional in nature. Local chapter members in various geographical areas are given an opportunity to work collectively on matters relating to policies and programs of the Society. Those in leadership positions share experiences with others and give thoughtful consideration to the solution of problems in their special areas of responsibility.

The state president, the state executive secretary, and state committee chairmen serve as consultants in discussion groups. They distribute resource materials provided by national headquarters and suggest methods by which national, state, and local programs may be coordinated. Group leaders make reports of discussions at the final general assembly. Such work procedures give tangible evidence that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Pi State is a functioning organization.

New York State Chapters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Date of Founding</i>	<i>Place of Founding</i>	<i>Chief Chapter Organizer</i>	<i>First President</i>	<i>Total Membership January 1, 1956</i>
Alpha	April 10, 1937	Kingston	Miss Ruth Mack Havens	Miss Ruth Mack Havens	63
Beta	February 11, 1938	Cortland	Miss Pauline Meyer	Miss Pauline Meyer	99
Gamma	May 14, 1938	New York City	Mrs. Grace Hoberg	Miss Bertha Smith	163
Delta	April 12, 1940	Albany	Dr. Elsa Brookfield	Mrs. Grace Stonehouse	130
Epsilon					
original	October 26, 1940	White Plains	Mrs. Grace Hoberg	Miss Mildred Strang	—
present	April 22, 1944	New York City	Dr. Lolabel Hall	Miss Anna H. Fink	87
Zeta	November 11, 1942	Newburgh	Dr. Lolabel Hall	Miss Marion deQuetteville	51
Eta	April 28, 1944	Rochester	Dr. Lolabel Hall	Miss Harriet Stillman	82
Theta	April 29, 1944	Buffalo	Dr. Lolabel Hall	Dr. Cornelia Roach	60
Iota	April 28, 1945	Niagara Falls	Dr. Lolabel Hall	Miss Marion Knowles	50
Kappa	June 13, 1947	Jamestown	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Dr. Cassie Burke	89
Lambda	October 23, 1948	Potsdam	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Miss Pauline Weller	36
Mu	December 2, 1949	Hornell	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Mrs. Dorothy Buehring	43
Nu	April 1, 1950	Utica	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Miss Martha Gates	52
Xi	April 29, 1950	(Division of Beta)		Mrs. Beatrice Kintner	130
Omicron	June 10, 1950	Long Island	Miss Marion deQuetteville	Miss Marion Rice	43

Pi	June 24, 1950	Canajoharie	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Mrs. Hilda Theurer	33
Rho	June 9, 1951	Ononta	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Mrs. Hildegarde Tillman	37
Sigma	April 4, 1952	Hamilton	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Miss Mildred Webb	20
Tau	May 9, 1952	Liberty	Miss Gladys Mersereau	Mrs. Ida Hasbrouck	27
Upsilon	April 29, 1953	Bronxville	Miss Virginia Randolph	Dr. Agnes Reigart	26
Phi	April 29, 1953	Bronxville	Miss Elizabeth Stafford	Mrs. Dorothy Wakelee	23
Chi	April 1, 1955	Watertown	Mrs. Louise Blood	Mrs. Muriel Nims	17
Psi	April 30, 1955	Plattsburg	Mrs. Louise Blood	Miss Katherine Leary	14
Omega	May 14, 1955	Rochester	Mrs. Louise Blood	Mrs. Florence Deci	13
Alpha Alpha	May 14, 1955	Rochester	Mrs. Louise Blood	Mrs. Katharine Reichel	15
Alpha Beta	October 8, 1955	Staten Island	Dr. Mary Meade	Miss Helen E. Meade	13
				Chapter membership	1416
				State active membership	4
				State honorary membership	14
				Total	1434

The above chart carries details that relate to local chapter organization. Date and place of founding, early leadership, and present membership are recorded. Chapter growth was accelerated in the period from 1944 to 1953 because of the extensive organizing program that was carried on by Dr. Lolabel Hall and Miss Gladys Mersereau. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Louise Blood, Chairman of the Chapter Organization Committee, five chapters were organized in 1955 to complete the roll of twenty-six chapters founded in the first twenty years of Pi State history.

The accompanying map shows the geographical location of all chapters. In the Rochester area and in Westchester County, where more than one chapter draws members from a single territory, chapter boundaries are not shown. In all other areas present chapter boundaries are indicated by bold outlines.

(See Inside Back Cover for Map of Chapter Areas)

Programs of Study



Pi State has consistently pursued the policy of cooperation with the National Program Committee both in adherence to general policies and in participation in proposed programs of study. Although local chapters have freely stressed aspects of study topics of immediate interest to their members, there is evidence of an acceptable balance having been maintained between national and local programs.

Members have contributed to published research. Active study of pioneer women educators has been fruitful. Recruiting activities have been both intensive and extensive in all chapters. Members have been kept alert to educational and social problems, especially as they have been reflected in proposed legislation. Although the program focus has

changed from year to year, there has been sustained interest throughout the years in three topics; namely, international relations, selective teacher recruitment, and pioneer women in education. The work at state and chapter levels has been kept vital and challenging by alert program committees.

Improved long range program planning and helpful directives at the national level have been reflected in improved programs at the local level. Chapter year-books have been improved both in appearance and in usefulness. The type of program that requires member participation rather than the entertainment type is appearing more often. Opportunity for singing together and experiencing other types of fellowship is being provided. The practice of integrating activity among the various chapter committees is becoming increasingly effective. Workshops at all levels have resulted in improved understanding of responsibility on the part of leaders and more meaningful participation on the part of members.

In pursuing the study of international relations in local chapters, the records reveal that the usual means have been utilized, such as research, group discussion, and lectures. Some program committees have provided for the personal appearance at chapter meetings of students and teachers from foreign lands. Some have promoted a program of correspondence with people in other countries.

One or more chapters report study of the following: Africa, Australia, Austria, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Czechoslovakia, China, Cuba, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hawaii, Holland, India, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, New Zealand, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, The Holy Land, Turkey, and Wales.

The pursuit of a serious study of international relations insures to the Society a membership that is informed concerning the elements of professional and economic

security of teachers and alert to the personal problems of people in general in the areas studied.

Selective recruitment for the teaching profession has been undoubtedly the most vital phase of the work of the Society in New York State. Reports of recruitment activities from all sections reveal a growing feeling of responsibility in this area of work throughout the state.

Selective Recruitment

The usual means of reaching high school students have been used with success, such as recruitment teas, career days, college visitations, panel discussions, apprentice teaching, and observance of Future Teachers days. In addition, essay and poster contests have been sponsored. One chapter kept an "Every-Member Record" of the specific types of teacher recruitment efforts made from September until May, such as talking with individual students about the profession, discussing a student's teaching potentialities with his parents, providing a student with resource material on teaching, giving beginning teachers a helping hand, and speaking before community groups.

All types of mass media have been used in this program. Radio programs involving students and teachers have been sponsored. Five minute radio scripts have been distributed and publicity has been carried on through newspapers and magazines.

Among the many informative and stimulating plans reported is one that deserves recognition. The National Education Association, through the *Albany Conference Report* of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards in June, 1954, calls attention to action programs in selective teacher recruitment. One of the four programs included in this report was a school-community program in Syracuse, New York, initiated by Beta Chapter.

The procedure included simultaneous teaching demonstrations in three grade schools for selected high school students. These were followed by a panel discussion in which beginning teachers and business men participated. A second panel, with members of the first panel participating, constituted the spring program of the Federation of Women's Clubs. Finally, a meeting of representatives of various organizations was called to consider ways of coordinating efforts toward selective teacher recruitment of all interested community groups.

Individual members have made singular contributions to recruitment efforts in the state. Dr. Ida Adele Jewett, a Pi State Founder collaborated with Dr. Vera Butler of Connecticut and Dr. M. Margaret Stroh, National Executive Secretary, in writing the monograph, "Better Selection of Better Teachers", which was published by the Society in 1943. Dr. Elsa Brookfield of Xi Chapter, serving on the national recruitment committee in 1947-1948, and Miss Bessie Park of Beta Chapter, officiating as chairman of state recruitment during the same period, made possible Pi State's contribution to the monograph, "Selective Recruitment of Teachers". Miss Gladys Mersereau compiled material on Pi State's recruitment program for use by a graduate student who was preparing a doctoral study. She also collected material on selective recruitment in New York State for the seventh national conference of the Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards.

In 1954 Dr. Mary Meade, Principal, Washington Irving High School, and Miss Ruth Harley, Dean of Women, Adelphi College, collaborated in producing the monograph, "Be A Teacher". This attractive flyer has been circulated widely both within and outside of the borders of the United States.

The emphasis in the program for 1955-1956 is on giving help to the new teacher.

There is hope that, as a result of this program, many young teachers, through the efforts of members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, will be encouraged to remain in the teaching profession.



In the early studies of pioneer women in education, the Society placed emphasis on the making of figurines of individuals who had made outstanding contributions to education. Six were prepared by New York State chapters, five of which were forwarded to national headquarters. These were for **PATTY SMITH HILL** and **EMMA HART WILLARD** for whom summaries of biographical studies appear later in this section;

MARIA MITCHELL, professor of astronomy, Vassar College, who was the first woman to be elected to the American Academy of Arts and who was recognized by the King of Denmark for her discovery of a comet;

ALICE ROBERTSON, a pioneer missionary to the Creek Indians, a member of Congress from Oklahoma, and a founder of the University of Tulsa; and

ANNA RANDALL DIEHL, resident of Oswego and later of New York City, who was a pioneer member of the New York State Teachers Association in the first quarter century of its existence. As vice-president of this organization, she was one of the first women to hold such an office.

NANETTE BOLTON was selected at the 1945 fall State Executive Board meeting as the subject of the next figurine to be prepared for the national collection. This figurine was completed by Gamma Chapter and exhibited at the state convention in May, 1946. However, it was announced at the following fall State Executive Board meeting that, because of lack of storage space, no more figurines were to be sent to national headquarters. Therefore, this figurine was returned by request to Gamma Chapter. A summary of the biographical study, submitted with this figurine, appears with other biographical sketches in this section.

At the Executive Board meeting in September, 1948, plans were made for the appointment of an individual who would be qualified to select from the figurines held at national headquarters, those suitable for a permanent exhibit in New York State. However, at the National Convention in August, 1952, the announcement was made that all figurines, except a selected number which were to be retained at national headquarters, were to be returned to the respective states. All New York State figurines were returned and are now deposited with the State Executive Secretary with the exception noted above.

At the 1944 spring convention Pi State voted to adopt the Pioneer Teacher Locality Committee Plan as a work program. Under this plan a committee in each town in each local chapter was charged with the responsibility of seeking information on pioneer women in the area. Research was stimulated that resulted in increased interest in this phase of the Society's program.

**Locality
Committee
Plan**

During Dr. Emma Reinhardt's administration as National President, considerable emphasis was placed on research. She appointed Dr. Helen Marshall as National Chairman of the Committee on Pioneer Women in Education. Dr. Marshall set high standards and gave excellent leadership in this project. In a directive to state presidents and chairmen of the research project in September, 1945, she said: "The studies should abound in human interest, professional understanding, and accurate data, be well-written, scholarly, and meticulous in detail and appearance. No better way can be found to recruit superior young persons for the teaching profession than in inspiring biographies of great teachers".

As a result of Dr. Marshall's inspiring leadership over 700 biographies of pioneer women in education were documented and filed at national headquarters in Austin, Texas. President Elliot (Turbin) at the 1945 fall Executive Board meeting commended the New York State Committee on the outstanding contribution to this project. She reported that this committee had won the acclaim of the National Organization and that Dr. Marshall had reported that the work of the New York State Committee was an inspiration to the entire organization.

Studies of New York State pioneer women in education which have been completed and filed with the State Executive Secretary are summarized on the following pages. Certain studies resulted from the work of one individual, others from the cooperative work of members of a committee. Where authorship is not clear, the name of the person submitting the report is given. Recognition goes to Gamma Chapter members for achievement in this phase of the Society's program of work.

Additional studies are in various stages of completion by committees in local chapters. When these are completed and documented, they will be filed with the Executive Secretary.

Pioneer Women of New York State

CHARITY ANDERSON

Was a true pioneer, of whom tales are still told of how on horseback, in the early part of the 19th century, she traveled about holding classes in the homes of the settlers and, sometimes, even in the forest itself. She was a familiar and loved figure throughout the early settlement of Wyoming County, New York.

Submitted by Anna Gemmill for Theta, 1948.

REBECCA BELL CHAPMAN

Was a pioneer in school journalism. She received her first inspiration in this field in a one-room school of Gorham, New York. Here she directed the semi-monthly, paper-covered publication of "Odds and Ends" in original handwriting, the seed which produced the modern school periodical.

Submitted by Florence W. Collier for Alpha, 1948.

NANETTE BOLTON

Was born in Bath, England, founded and directed successfully for forty years the Priory School for girls in Pelham Manor; helped to establish the first public school in Pelham, New York.

Written by Helen K. Winter for Gamma, 1945.

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

Was a country school teacher from Iowa who received honorary degrees from many educational institutions; became a crusader for woman suffrage and the cause of peace from her home in New Rochelle, New York; founded the League of Women Voters.

Written by Helen K. Winter for Gamma, 1947.

ROSA BELL CHAPMAN

Was a daughter of Rebecca Bell Chapman; a charter and honorary member of Alpha Chapter; served the school system of Newburgh as grade and high school teacher and dean for fifty-two years; one of the first women to become a member of a board of education; a delegate to the World Federation of Educational Associations in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Submitted by Florence W. Collier for Alpha, 1954.

JULIA ETTIE CRANE

Was a pioneer in the field of music education and founder of the Crane Normal Institute of Music at Potsdam, New York. In 1884, Miss Crane planned and taught the first music education courses to be given in a teacher education institution in this country at the Potsdam Normal School. She held many leadership positions in professional organizations at national level, studied in London with Signor Garcia, taught in many states of the Union, and wrote widely in the field of public school music. She was a constant crusader for better preparation of public school teachers in this area. Her philosophy was that music and the appreciation of it was the rightful heritage of all children.

Written by Marie A. Schuette for Lambda, 1956.

LUCY ADELIA EARLE

Began teaching at the age of fifteen in the school by which she had been granted an eighth grade diploma two years earlier; a follower of Froebel, she founded and taught the first kindergarten in Yonkers, where she continued to serve as teacher and principal for 54 years; her work with children of foreign born parents gained national prominence.

Written by Mary L. Crissey for Gamma, 1945.

LILLIAN HATCH

Is a living pioneer and one of the first kindergarten teachers in the city of Brooklyn, a field to which she gave devoted service for forty-seven years; a quiet force in effecting legislation to improve salary and pension rights of teachers; and an active member of the Board of Editors of *Pension Digest*.

Miss Hatch was largely responsible for the passage of the Wallace bill that provided death benefits rights for men killed in the Service. At the time of her retirement, over one thousand guests, with nearly as many turned away, attended a luncheon given in her honor. With other messages read at this function, the following one from the Armed Services truly reveals the intrepid spirit of this pioneer: "I feel that the men in the armed forces have on the home front a fighter as vigorous as on any other front".

Written by Emily V. Andresen for Epsilon, 1954.

ANTOINETTE BRYANT HERVEY

Was determined on a college education; she actually "button-holed" her start at three cents to ten cents per hole; graduated from Wellesley; observed and reported on work of John Dewey at Chicago to her husband, Dean of Teachers College, Columbia; interested in Red Cross work, woman suffrage and photography; photographed cathedrals in Europe and took some 3,000 pictures of St. John the Divine in New York City.

Written by W. L. Hervey for Epsilon, 1946.

PATTY SMITH HILL

Was one of the most far-seeing educators of her time; began teaching at 18 years of age; demonstrated publicly at the 1893 World's Fair what little children are capable of doing when allowed to initiate, plan, and create freely; organized the first National Association for Nursery Education; created teaching materials to meet the needs and interests of children; encouraged parent cooperation in education; invited to lecture at Columbia University, she remained to teach and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in 1929.

Written by Edith U. Conard for Epsilon, 1945.

LAVINIA M. HORTON

Was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier; orphaned at 16 years of age; began teaching two years later in Purchase, New York; served Portchester School systems as teacher, principal, and president of the board of education for a total of 38 years; taught in her own private school within 13 days of her death at the age of 86; honored by having the Edgewood School in Portchester renamed the Lavinia M. Horton School.

Written by Helen K. Winter for Gamma, 1946.

ANNE HUTCHINSON

Was born in England, settled in Boston, which she was forced to leave because of her religious views, and where today stands before the Massachusetts State House a beautiful statue of her, bearing the inscription: "Courageous exponent of Civil Liberty and Religious Toleration". Hutchinson River is named for this intrepid pioneer who left for the women of America the legacy of freedom in self-expression.

Submitted by Dorothy Feaster for Gamma, 1949.

CHRISTINE P. INGRAM

Is a true pioneer in the field of Special Education; work with Goddard, Gesell, Hollingworth, Kitpatrick, and Terman prepared her well for the contributions that she later made in curriculum and teacher education in her chosen field; through teaching, writing, and serving as consultant at the United States Office of Education, and in Illinois, Florida, Hawaii, and Turkey, and particularly through the office of Director of Special Education in Rochester, New York, the city of her birth, she was able to interpret to others the philosophy needed for effective work in special education which she had learned from Professor Johnstone of Vineland, "Happiness first, all else follows".

Submitted by Marion Masoner for Eta, 1954.

CARRIE A. MARTIN

Began her teaching career in Newfane, New York, at a salary of five dollars a week. She was remembered by "her boys" during World War I as "Aunt Carrie". In her search for knowledge her travels took her to England, Scotland, France, and Alaska.

Submitted by Pioneer Women Committee for Iota, 1949.

MARY MARGARET McSHANE

Gave unselfish service for four decades to the community of Middletown, New York, and its children as music supervisor; principal of the Linden Avenue School; leader in P.T.A. and Girl Scout work, and in anti-T.B. campaigns. Hers was no ordinary appreciation of the impact of the school on the culture of the community. One of her co-workers quotes the following from "A Teacher's Creed" as the philosophy by which she lived: "Each day I will try to add richness and beauty to my own living in order to enrich the lives of others".

Submitted by Alverta Mitchell for Zeta, 1948.

SOPHIE JANE MEE

Was a daughter of a pioneer father who aided in the founding of the city of Mount Vernon, New York; at 16 years of age she began her teaching career at School No. 1 in that city, where she taught continuously for 48 years. In recognition of her influence on the social and educational life of the community, one of Mount Vernon's schools was named the Sophie Mee School.

Written by Helen K. Winter for Gamma, 1946.

PERSIS KIBBEY MILLER

Was born in the small town of Truxton in up-state New York, but her passing was mourned by thousands whose lives she had touched in a warm, personal sort

of way in an industrial section of the city of Baltimore. As principal of School 76 she initiated ability grouping, started the first school bank, organized the first open-air class, the first Mothers' Club, the first first-aid station, formulated curricula for children who were to earn their living by unskilled labor, later known as vocational education. Her "Earn-While-You-Learn System" was later copied by the National Youth Commission as the work-experience plan. The extent to which she identified herself with the community was revealed during the influenza epidemic, when she organized kitchens for family feeding, conducted funeral services, and made arrangements for burial of the dead.

Submitted by Mary J. Gale for Beta, 1942.

FRANCES LONG MITCHELL

Was a pioneer teacher who taught in a country school all subjects, including French and Latin, with 80 pupils in one room as no exception; was graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School; practiced medicine with her doctor husband, which included the delivery of babies after a long drive into the country by horse and buggy on a winter's night; following retirement, she traveled around the world to return to farm life in East Aurora, New York.

Submitted by Louise R. Morton for Zeta, 1947.

LUCRETIA COFFIN MOTT

Was a pioneer teacher of the Poughkeepsie area, also a Quaker preacher of the early 19th century; reformer; abolitionist; leader in struggle for equal rights for women; homemaker; president of the Pennsylvania Peace Society; and member of the board of managers of Swarthmore College.

Submitted by Hazel Jenne for Gamma, 1947.

ANNA ELOISE PIERCE

Is a pioneer in teacher education; started teaching a one-room school in Union Center, New York, at the age of 16 years; a cousin of Andrew Sloan Draper, first State Commissioner of Education in New York State, who assisted her in securing a position as secretary to the principal of Albany Normal School, at a time when all records were kept in long hand; prepared for teaching in the practice school of the Albany Normal School by studying under Dr. Sheldon Pestalozzian methods of teaching; became Dean of Women and was credited with the success of the undertaking to establish a residence hall at Albany, now known as Pierce Hall.

Autobiography for Pioneer Women Committee of Xi Chapter, 1946.

ELLEN EDDY SHAW

Pioneered in organization and administration of the department of elementary instruction at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens; supervised nature study in the Ethical Culture School of New York City and at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn; lectured and wrote widely on the subject of gardening for children. When she started her trip around the world in 1939, the gifts and flowers showered upon her were a testimony of the high esteem in which she is held.

Submitted by Lillian Hatch for Alpha and Epsilon, 1946.

BERTHA SMITH

Is a pioneer teacher of Westchester County, New York; by choice started her teaching career in the foreign section of her home city after graduation from Oswego Normal School; became assistant superintendent in charge of primary education, a post she held for 30 years; gifted in art and music, widely traveled; enthusiastic community worker; responsible for the early introduction of modern educational practice in the school system of Yonkers; first president of Gamma Chapter.

Written by Helen K. Winters for Gamma, 1946.

CONSTANCE WARREN

Started her teaching career as a pioneer teacher in the state of Iowa; president of Sarah Lawrence College, Yonkers, New York, for 16 years; an early leader in curriculum construction in higher education for women based on student need and interest; author of "A New Design for Women's Education" in which is defended the principle of educating a student to "develop his potential powers in terms of the greatest maturity of which he is capable".

Written by H. Josephine Brown for Gamma, 1946.

EMMA HART WILLARD

Was the first woman to prove that the female mind is capable of comprehending higher studies and to take a stand publicly for higher education for women, in recognition of which a statue of her was unveiled at Troy in 1895; founded the Emma Willard School at Troy, New York; among her writings is the well-known "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep".

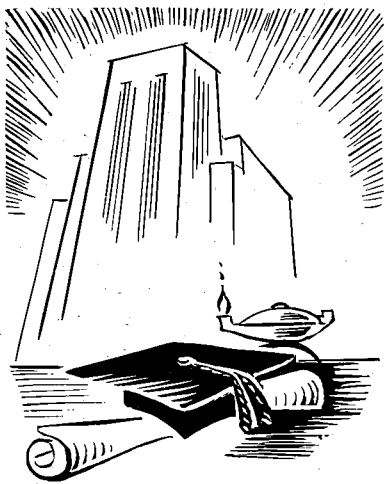
Submitted by Anne U. Brown for Gamma, 1948.

MARY R. WILLARD

Began teaching upon graduation from high school; in 1889 became preceptress of the Jamestown High School. In recognition of the high standards in language usage to which she held her students, The Honorable Justice Robert H. Jackson said: "It is, in a large degree, due to her leadership and teaching that a standard of public speaking, journalism, and writing prevails in this city above that usual in one of our size".

Written by Olive Barker for Kappa, 1947.

Scholarship Activities



One of the most satisfying and worthwhile activities in Pi State over the years has been its scholarship program. In the early years of the organization the scholarship fund grew slowly from the three way division of the scholarship dollar. Therefore, in May, 1943, the State Scholarship Committee was requested by the State Executive Board to formulate a plan for incorporating local chapter scholarship funds into one state scholarship fund. Many chapters accepted the plan, suggested later by the committee, and merged their scholarship funds with the state fund.

This action enabled Pi State to realize the fifth purpose of the Society: To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women teachers in pursuing graduate study. In May, 1945, the delegates to the State Convention voted to

award one \$100.00 scholarship each summer, beginning in the summer of 1947. This scholarship was later named "The Lolabel Hall Scholarship of Pi State". It was awarded in 1947 to Miss Melanie Grant of Delta Chapter. The second recipient was Miss Ruth Fraser of Theta Chapter, who received the award for study in 1948.

Summer School Scholarships

Rules governing the nomination and qualifications of the recipients of Pi State scholarships for summer study were formulated by the State Scholarship Committee and approved by the State Executive Board. These regulations state that names of candidates shall be submitted before March first and that the candidates shall be notified before May first of each year. A recipient must have been an active, loyal member for at least three years; must display ability to pursue purposeful study at the graduate level by matriculation at a recognized educational institution; be an esteemed member of the staff in the school system in which she is employed; and be one who declares intention to contribute to education or to community welfare for a period of at least two years subsequent to receipt of the scholarship.

The original rules stated that, in case of tie, the determining factors should be: (1) financial need; and (2) equitable distribution of awards among chapters. However, the State Executive Board at the September, 1955, meeting voted to eliminate these rules. The Board further urged the Scholarship Committee to stress the *recognition* and *reward* aspects of the award, and to avoid stress on financial need as a determining factor in selection of candidates. Furthermore, action was taken at this meeting to strike from the statement of qualifications on the application blank the phrase, "five years before retirement," which might, if retained, defeat the purpose of the award.

In 1949, Pi State joined with the New England States in raising a scholarship of \$1,000.00 to aid a woman from a war-torn country who wished to study in the

United States. Nine local chapters contributed to this fund a total of \$578.50. During this same year Pi State awarded an additional \$500.00 to Miss Damrana Eugenio of the Philippines who was the recipient of the above mentioned scholarship.

The summer school scholarship program was continued in 1949. Miss May Evans of Alpha Chapter and Miss Margaret Downey of Delta Chapter were each awarded \$100.00 for summer study.

The State Executive Board in September, 1949, voted to provide an additional summer school scholarship in 1950. The plan stipulated that not more than a total of \$400 should be spent on summer school scholarships and that no one person should receive more than \$200.00. Mrs. Ilene H. Compton of Alpha Chapter and Miss Sara A. Kinnally of Beta were awarded \$150.00 each and Miss Doris Brown of Alpha Chapter, \$100.00 for summer study in 1950.

On September 29, 1951, the State Executive Board voted to place \$750.00 with Adelphi College as a graduate study scholarship for Miss Shin Hyung Kim of Korea. However, since she later received a scholarship for study at another institution, there remained at Adelphi College a balance of approximately \$350.00. In September, 1952, the State Executive Board voted to leave this amount at Adelphi as financial aid to Miss Eun Hyung Kim, a sister of Shin Hyung Kim. In addition, the State Executive Board voted to place with Dean Harley of Adelphi College the sum of \$100.00, which would be paid in ten monthly installments to meet the expenses of Eun Hyung Kim.

Action was taken in September, 1952, by the State Executive Board which provided a scholarship of \$100.00 in memory of the late Mrs. Mary Lou Raymond of Gamma Chapter. This scholarship was awarded to Miss Nancy Cho, a Korean student studying at Pratt Institute. At the same time a second \$100.00 scholarship was established in memory of the late Miss Helen C. McCormick. Miss Suno Goh, a home economics student from Japan, studying at Buffalo State Teachers College, was the recipient of this award.

No scholarships were granted in 1953, but the record reveals accelerated activity in this program in the following year. One summer school scholarship of \$150.00 was awarded to each of the following in 1954: Miss Ruth Modlin of Eta, Mrs. Ruth L. Paine of Pi, Miss Virginia Fitz Randolph of Gamma, and Miss Rose Mary Wilcox of Kappa Chapter. Furthermore, the Board in executive session on September 18, 1954, voted to use the accrued interest from the state scholarship fund beginning in September, 1954, to establish additional summer school scholarships.

In 1955 Mrs. Olla G. Rickett of Beta Chapter and Miss Agapita G. Liermo of Iota Chapter were awarded \$150.00 each for summer study.

Pi State gave a total of \$1,566.71 to the National Silver Anniversary Scholarship Fund, a contribution that brought New York State a rating of SUMMA CUM LAUDE in the rank of states. From this scholarship fund, which commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, fifty-two scholarships were made available, one for each state, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, British Columbia, and Ontario Province. Pi State's recipient of this award was Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlap Sargent of Eta Chapter. However, she found later that she was unable to continue her study. The scholarship was then awarded to Miss

National Silver Anniversary Scholarship

Mary Rowena Moore, Counselor of Students, at Harpur College, Endicott, New York, and member of Xi Chapter, for study at Indiana University.

Since local chapters had been for many years raising funds in various ways to assist candidates in entering the teaching profession, a request was made to the Pi State Executive Board in September, 1950, that permission be given to any local chapter that wished to do so, to retain sixty cents of the one dollar scholarship fee for the purpose of augmenting local chapter scholarship funds. This required a reversal of the plan adopted in 1943. The request, nevertheless, was granted. As a result a majority of local chapters were enabled to give financial aid to high school graduates who desired to enter the teaching profession. However, at the National Convention in Boston in August, 1954, opinion was expressed that such practice was not in keeping with constitutional disposition of the Society's scholarship fees. Local chapters, however, were encouraged to continue this worthwhile activity, but solely on a grant-in-aid basis.

The trustees of the corporation have instructed the treasurer from time to time to purchase United States Savings Bonds with state scholarship funds. However, at the 1955 official board meeting, the Trustees were empowered to purchase bonds whenever a sum of \$500.00 has accumulated.

Members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Pi State may be justly proud of its scholarship record. In addition to aid given, the organization had on January 1, 1956, \$4,945.54 in United States Savings Bonds; \$1,155.80 in cash; and \$111.30 in accrued interest, making a total of \$6,212.64 in its Scholarship Fund.

Service—World and Community



It is through the Society's Service—World and Community program that members have experienced more fully than in any other phase of work a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Early records reveal that an extensive program of activities in which members

Service Activities

shared with others time, materials, possessions, and skills during the war years. Delta

Kappa Gamma members purchased and sold war bonds, worked in Red Cross centers, assisted in canteens, donated blood, and served at rationing posts. They participated in all types of civilian defense activities, such as Selective Service registration, nurses' aid work, air raid

warning service in control centers, school defense council supervision, and defense plant work.

Many realized, as one Pi State member then voiced it, that "Our job (teaching) has innumerable implications for helping to bring this war to a speedy and constructive end as well as helping to build and maintain the peace which will follow". The record shows that members of the Society have been alert to their responsibility to promote international good will which in turn serves to promote peace in the world.

Local chapters have supported service projects of many types, including those suggested by the Society. CARE packages, clothing, books, and school supplies have gone in abundance to Korea, Germany, Greece, Norway, and other communities where need has been revealed. Typical of this giving is a large shipment of school supplies sent by one chapter to Syria; twelve boxes of school supplies were sent by another chapter to Korea. One chapter sent money sufficient to equip a kindergarten and to purchase chairs for a Korean school.

One very ambitious chapter took a Greek child to support. Another collected \$199.25 at one meeting for the children of Holland and another sent thirty Christmas packages to England. Other types of aid included one UNESCO Bookshelf to Ceylon, and food parcels for a former teacher in Norway. The need had only to be made known and it was met in one form or another.

Local chapters in Pi State have likewise given financial aid to a variety of institutions. Among these are Ewha University in Seoul, FAO Mission in Ethiopia, Pressly Memorial Institute in Egypt, Philippine Normal College in Manila, and the Pestalozzi Children's Village in Switzerland.

In 1948 a call came from headquarters urging that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society come to the aid of flood stricken teachers in Vanport, Oregon. Many members responded with gifts of money.

Realizing that other such needs might come justifiably to the attention of the organization, Pi State started an Emergency Fund. This fund has proven to be a source of aid to several individuals in need of financial assistance.

In 1951 Miss Ilsa Wolfe, an exchange teacher from Germany, was made a grant of \$100.00. In 1952, a like grant was made to Miss Mildred Cullen, an exchange teacher from England. These gifts were used by the recipients, while they were in this country, to meet the expense of books and travel.

Two fifty dollar gifts from this Fund were made by authority of the State Executive Board in 1954. One went to Adelphi College to aid in meeting the expenses of Eun Hyung Kim, and one to Miss Thyra Andren to purchase educational materials for use in her work in Ethiopia.

On September 17, 1955, the State Board in executive session, voted to grant from the Emergency Fund to Miss Anna Margretta Hanssen, an elementary school principal from Norway, the sum of \$100.00 to be used to meet travel costs on her proposed trip in 1956 to visit schools in the United States. However, because of illness, Miss Hanssen's trip was postponed.

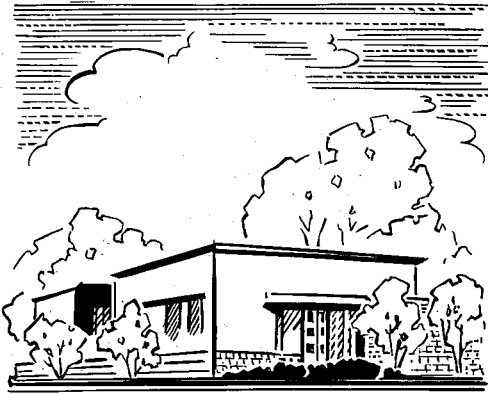
At the same meeting the State Executive Board voted to send the balance of \$61.25, remaining in the Emergency Fund, to UNESCO for the Fund for Korean Educators.

However, service at local chapter level continues. Over fifty per cent of all local chapters reported action programs in this type of service in 1954-1955.

Epsilon Chapter voted to set aside a sum of money in memory of Dr. Lolabel Hall to be added to and to be used as a fund to help any member of the Society who is afflicted with cancer.

Thus, in a variety of ways groups and individual members share their substance and services with those in need.

National Headquarters



A resolution authorizing the erection of a national headquarters building for the Society was adopted at the national convention in Boston on August 14, 1954. A building committee was appointed with Mrs. Eunah Holden, former national president, as chairman. Plans were made by the committee for immediate construction of a building in Austin, Texas, suitable to the needs of the organization.

A dream was one step nearer realization when on November 25, 1955, the cornerstone was laid. Names of the chapters that had completed

their gifts to the building fund on the basis of \$2.50 for each member were placed in the cornerstone. Pi State members may be proud of the fact that all chapters participated, giving their state a one hundred percent rating in this phase of the building program.

Individuals, chapters, and states taking Honoring Shares of \$100.00 or more were given the privilege of naming an honoree. Those to whom tribute was paid thus in New York State are listed below.

<i>Chapter Donor</i>	<i>Name of Honoree</i>	<i>Chapter Donor</i>	<i>Name of Honoree</i>
Alpha	Ruth Mack Havens	Eta	Harriet Stillman
Beta	Bessie L. Park	Theta	Kate Vixon Wofford
Beta	Alice A. Pierce	Theta	Helen M. Olmstead
Gamma	Virginia Fitz Randolph	Kappa	Mary Cranston
Gamma	Mary Lou Zerler Raymond	Lambda	Marie A. Schuette
Gamma	Bertha W. Smith	Xi	Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge
Delta	Helen C. McCormick	Xi	Vera Sands
Delta	Anna Smyth Hines	Xi	L. Hortense Smith
Eta	Mary A. Sheehan	Xi	Elizabeth Wyke
		Omicron	Marion Rice
	<i>Individual Donor</i>		<i>Name of Honoree</i>
	Agnes Reigart		M. Margaret Stroh

In addition, Contributing Shares were taken by Elsa Brookfield, Xi; Margaret Ecker, Gamma; Marion Estes Masoner, Eta; and Virginia Fitz Randolph, Gamma.

Honor Book of

The names of all honorees are to be inscribed in a Book of Honor which will be kept at national headquarters.

The amount contributed to the headquarters building fund by Pi State from all sources totaled \$3,261.50. Such response speaks for itself of the loyalty of members to the programs and policies of the Society.

Pi Lights

The need for an agent of communication among Pi State members was felt long before it was met. During the war years paper shortage and lack of printing service made the production of any type of publication impossible. Although the work of state officers was greatly hampered by this lack, it was not until September, 1948, that the Executive Board authorized the publication of a semi-annual newsletter to be financed by the state organization.

The original plan called for the responsibility of production to be taken in rotation by chapters. Accordingly, Alpha produced the first state bulletin, entitled "Pi Lights of Delta Kappa Gamma" under the date line of November, 1948, as well as a second issue the following spring. Beta followed with Volume II in a fall and a spring issue in 1949-1950. Gamma Chapter directed the publication of a single spring issue in 1951. The following fall and spring numbers were produced by Delta Chapter. Epsilon assumed the responsibility for the publication of the 1952 fall and 1953 spring issues. Zeta Chapter produced one issue that year and Eta sponsored the fall issue in 1954 and the spring issue in 1955.

Although the content and format have changed over the years, the purpose of Pi Lights has remained constant. It has served to develop unity among members and to carry to members high lights of state and local chapter activities. Information needed by officials in the administration of the affairs of the organization has been made available through this publication. Each volume is a repository of valued Pi State history.

Recognizing the increasing value of a state publication to the organization, the Executive Board at its meeting in September, 1955, took action designed to meet the recurring problems involved in the production of Pi Lights by the rotation plan. The policy adopted at this time called for each chapter to pay fifty cents for each member for the annual subscription to the magazine. Any decision relative to method of meeting the financial obligation involved was left to the local chapter. The plan called for the selection of an editor who would be given a small honorarium for her services. Mrs. Katharine Reichel, President of Alpha Alpha Chapter, accepted the appointment.

The first issue of Pi-Lights under the new policy came off the press in December, 1955. It is a credit to the organization and gives promise of meeting the demands of a rapidly growing state organization for a unified and informed membership.



Pi State Achievement Award

In the fall of 1953, the State Board in executive session voted to grant an annual award to a member in recognition of outstanding service at state level. Miss Edith

Design of Pin Conard was appointed chairman of a committee to formulate and execute plans for the granting of such an award. Standards used by the National Society were adapted to state use by the committee. The award selected was a pin, designed by Mrs. Erna Károlyi Leon of Epsilon Chapter, the design of which is shown above. It is a gold "Tudor Rose", raised and engraved against a tiny disk and surrounded by cut work inside a band of five gold petals, truly beautiful in its simplicity. On the back of the pin are engraved the Greek letters $\Delta K \Gamma$ and the words, Pi State.

Miss Gladys Mersereau, State Executive Secretary and former State President, was chosen in 1954 as recipient of the first state achievement award. However, she was given at this time an illuminated scroll, with the understanding that she would receive the pin when it was available.

At the State Convention in Rochester in May, 1955, two presentations were made. Miss Mersereau received her delayed award; the second award went to Dr. Alice A. Pierce, State Founder.

Lest We Forget



The "Hour of Remembrance", dedicated to the memory of those lost by death, was first observed in Pi State at the state convention in Albany on Sunday morning, May 9, 1954. Miss Ruth Oaks of Nu Chapter, as state chairman of the Necrology Committee, conducted the service in an atmosphere of appropriate beauty and simplicity.

At the State Executive Board meeting on September 18, 1954, action was taken that empowered the Necrology Committee to provide a "Book of Remembrance" which would be bound in white leather with gold lettering. A printed record of the necrologic service, including the name, month, day, and year of

death, and the name of the chapter to which each member belonged, is to be placed in this book at the close of each service.

At the "Hour of Remembrance" service the following is read with proper solemnity and dignity to the accompaniment of "Largo" from the New World Symphony by Dvorak:

REQUIEM

Take thy rest, journey done,
Thou with vision blest;
Still thy life liveth on
Though thou art at rest.

Work of love, dream-inspired,
Bindeth friend to friend;
Loyal hearts keeping faith
Till the journey's end.

Take thy rest, labor o'er;
Leave thy dream behind;
Other hands lift the torch
Fallen now from thine,
Fallen now from thine,
Fallen now from thine.

—Clara M. Parker, Alpha Chapter,
Austin, Texas

In Memoriam

STATE HONORARY MEMBER

Miss Alberta Bennett, March 31, 1948

STATE MEMBER

Miss Abbie Louise Day, January 14, 1947

ALPHA CHAPTER

Mrs. Clara Vandenberg, September 11, 1943

Miss Mary C. Havens, October 14, 1952

BETA CHAPTER

Miss Mildred Simpson, February 4, 1950

Miss Margaret Kinney, June 11, 1951

Dr. Leah Day, November 18, 1951

Miss Ruth Storrier, May 25, 1953

Miss Katherine Hinman, February 16, 1956

GAMMA CHAPTER

Mrs. Caroline Goss, April 9, 1941

Miss Sophie Sievers, July 30, 1941

Mrs. Gertrude Smith, March 7, 1943

Miss Anne P. Vanston, September 17, 1943

Mrs. Elise Jones, March 30, 1944

Miss Evelyn M. Denison, October 1, 1945

Miss Winifred Brown, December 15, 1945

Miss Edith Hartley, March 14, 1947

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Henninge, March 27, 1947

Mrs. Mary Dickson Baldwin, November 15, 1948

Mrs. Cora Louise Gravely, March 20, 1951

Mrs. Mary Lou Raymond, June 11, 1952

Mrs. Juanita D. Riedinger, October 5, 1952

Miss Nina Plamondon, May 14, 1954

DELTA CHAPTER

Miss Jessica K. Mixter, November 7, 1951

Miss Helen C. McCormick, June 18, 1952

Mrs. Anna Smythe Hines, March 24, 1953

Miss Florence Potter, September 25, 1955

EPSILON CHAPTER

Dr. Patty Smith Hill, May 6, 1946
Dr. Lolabel Hall, April 27, 1947
Mrs. Ethel Underwood, March 17, 1949
Miss Katherine Blake, February 4, 1950
Miss E. Frances Woodward, May 11, 1951
Mrs. Margaret M. Wagner, April 1, 1954
Mrs. Orpha Mae Hoffman Thomas, November 6, 1954
Dr. Lizzie Rector, January 5, 1955

ETA CHAPTER

Mrs. Edna Steve Jones, March 2, 1945

THETA CHAPTER

Miss Gertrude M. Chittenden, December 14, 1953
Miss Helen M. Olmstead, October 1, 1955

IOTA CHAPTER

Miss Flora Scharch, July 21, 1947
Miss Elizabeth Daw, May 5, 1948
Miss Stella Grace, January 17, 1950
Mrs. J. Louise Hall Paige, March 15, 1953
Miss Charlotte A. McFarlane, January 8, 1954
Miss Gertrude McClellan, August 22, 1955

KAPPA CHAPTER

Miss Jessie Ruffin, July 12, 1951
Miss Mary Cranston, April 17, 1955
Miss Lulu M. Hill, April 18, 1955

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Mrs. Bernice VanHousen, February 18, 1953

NU CHAPTER

Miss Eleanor I. Crenan, January 5, 1956

XI CHAPTER

Mrs. Vera H. Sands, November 10, 1952
Mrs. Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, January 7, 1953
Miss Elizabeth Wyke, June 20, 1953
Miss Hortense Smith, January 25, 1955
Dr. Anstice Harris, January 15, 1956

RHO CHAPTER

Mrs. Margaret M. Bradshaw, August 17, 1955

TAU CHAPTER

Miss Blanche E. Chambers, December 29, 1953

A Final Word

The foregoing is the result of an attempt to record objectively and accurately the events in time, the people in places of leadership, the policies formulated and practices followed in the first twenty years of Pi State history. The membership may take pride in the picture revealed; in the quality and efficiency of its leadership; in the achievement of noble purposes; and in the acts of service for others. Such a record of achievement could have been realized only through personal sacrifice on the part of those who have assumed positions of leadership of the Society's affairs over these twenty years.

What will be the story of achievement at the close of the next twenty years? The answer lies in the willingness of members, individually and collectively, to meet the challenge involved in the promotion of the Society's total program. May each heed the words of Walt Whitman who warns that:

“. . . it is provided in the essence of things that from any fruition of success, no matter what, shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary.”

An alert, dedicated, and courageous membership need have no anxiety about the future of the Society in Pi State. However, each member would do well to apply to the discharge of her duties the principle embodied in these words from Sanskrit:

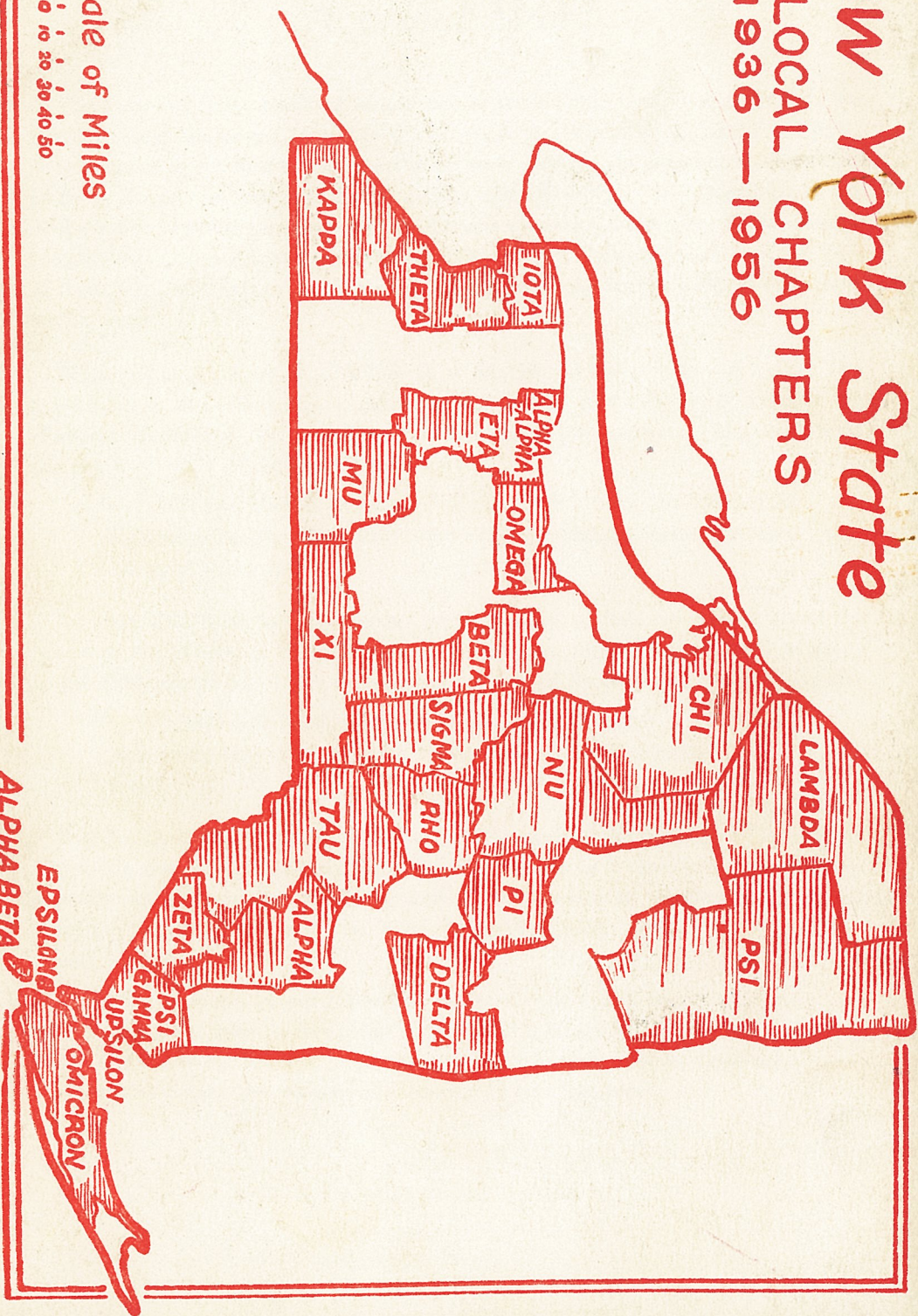
“. . . today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore to this day.”

It seems most fitting that this story of achievement of the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in New York State be brought to a close by a message from one who set an example of efficient and devoted service to the Society, so rightly entitled, "A Closing Appeal" by Betty Wyke, *Pi Lights*, November 1949. (Deceased, 1953):

“The purposes of our fellowship transcend the purely social and fraternal. It follows, then, that key women in education will be neither idle nor halfhearted in discharging their sacred trust to those who now debate the wisdom of following in our footsteps”.

New York State

LOCAL CHAPTERS
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