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WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. W. H. HUNTER
SECRETARY

210 Federal Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.
April 30, 1927.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barton Ave. S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have a few copies of this volume left to
my credit, and shall be glad to see that one is sent to you.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Newton

WHN*LM

*Vol. on Formation
of America*

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

May 9, 1927

Hon. Walter H. Newton
210 Federal Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Newton:-

Thank you very much for
the copy of the Documents on the
Formation of the Union which you
had sent to me. It appears to be
an excellent selection, especially
well edited, and will be very useful
to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

January 30, 1928

Dr. Wallace Notestein
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Notestein:-

I read with much interest the announcement of your appointment to Yale in yesterday's Minneapolis Journal, and Elizabeth and I want to offer our congratulations. I supposed that you were very happily situated at Cornell, but doubtless the Yale position has its advantages; at any rate, you will be nearer to New York and also to England.

I was sorry not to see you at the Washington meeting. As usual we had a good delegation there from Minnesota, although White had to give up his plan to go.

Doubtless you have heard of the death of Alvord, which occurred in Italy on Friday, January 27. We were expecting it, as he has been very sick for several months, and in fact a rumor reached here via Urbana several weeks ago to the effect that he was dead.

Cordially yours

B/P

FEB 3 1928
ENGLISH HISTORY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Feb. 1, 1928

Dear Buck:-

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry to leave this place, to which I am greatly attached. But Sterling professorships are the best packages they have in New Haven, and are hard to resist. This is a fine place, and I was expecting to stay here all my life, and happy to do so. I missed the historical meeting in Washington because I was in Wooster, Ohio, trying to decide what to do.

Please remember me to your wife. Will you succeed Bassett as Secretary of the American Historical Association? I should think that no one would do it better.

Cordially Yours,

Wallace Notestein

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122 Arthur Ave., S. E.
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612 Erie St., S. E.
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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

December 7, 1926

Dear Neighbor:

You are doubtlessly interested in the protection of the Oak Street-Prospect Park residential district, as indicated when you, with the rest of us, signed a petition to the City Council last Spring in which it was agreed to pay a substantial amount to prevent our district being further invaded by oil plants and other nuisances.

The City Council refused our reasonable request and as a result we now have an organization which is a going concern, which can handle our neighborhood problems in a vigorous manner.

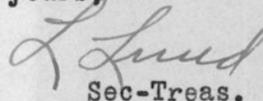
It is strictly representative of the individual resident or property owner, as set forth in the enclosed constitution which is the result of many conferences of representative property owners of our district.

Your co-operation is asked so the Advisory Board may be informed of your wishes, by your filling out the enclosed Post Card on which are printed a number of specific matters in which our district is interested, there is also a blank space provided for any suggestion of a helpful nature which you may have in mind.

Please fill in the card, marking the items 1, 2, 3, etc. in accordance with their importance to you. Sign and return promptly to the Secretary so the Advisory Board may learn as soon as possible the wishes of all of you.

Your compliance with this request will, in no way obligate you and will help to get things under way so that our influence will be felt in no uncertain way.

Sincerely yours,


Sec-Treas.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

Jan 26th 1927

Mrs S.J.Buck.
67 Barton Ave

Dear Neighbor-

Confirming our phone conversation of today I am here-
with enclosing membership cards for yourself and Mr Buck and will
thank you to send to me your check in the amount of \$2.00 covering
membership for the current year.

I am also enclosing a copy of our constitution for
your use which explains the aims and objects of the movement.

Thanking you for your co-operation I remain

Sincerely Yours

L. Lund
Sec-Treas

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To the Residents and Property Owners of Southeast Minneapolis

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Signed L. E. Jordan,

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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn. April 22 1927

Mr Solon J Buck
67 Barton Ave S E

Dear Member-

Many thanks for the prompt manner in which your subscription was taken care of and we hope it will be of material help toward obtaining our objective as against the nuisance of which we spoke.

I stepped out for a little while last evening and secured four new members with a promise on the part of these that they would secure others.

The executive committee at it's meeting on last Friday evening took action in the matter of aiding in a practical way the securing of safety measures for the individuals who are endangered by the excessive speed of motor vehicle traffic on University Ave, also adopted resolutions with reference to the paving of this thoroughfare, having in mind the fact that the abutting property owners have paid for a pavement once and should not be called upon to pay out any large amount for a new pavement at this time, but that the bulk of this expense should be borne by the general paving fund.

Again thanking you for your co-operation

Sincerely Yours

L. Lund
Sec-Treas

Dear Member-

Will you make it your special business to be present at a report meeting to be held at the Motley School on Thursday evening, April 28th, under the auspices of the Oak St. - Prospect Park Residents Association, 8. P.M.

MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION:

University Ave. and ~~Bridgehead~~ Paving

Franklin Ave. and Bridgehead

Franklin Ave. Car Line extension

Condition of East River Road

Mr. Lambie, Executive Secretary of the League of Minnesota Municipalities, will speak on the subject "Need of an Organization".

L. Lund, Secretary

Dinsmore 0089

April 25, 1927



CITIZENS
TRAINING CAMP



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

September 21st, 1927.

Solon J Buek
67 Barton Ave S E

Dear Neighbor:-

The recent Zoning decision of the federal court was a great victory for the residents of the Oak Street-Prospect Park area. Other equally important victories will come from united effort.

NOW is the time for one such effort, and YOU have been selected as a LEADER in your neighborhood to help us put it over. Your Executive Committee of the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association can't carry the load any longer without YOUR active cooperation.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, September 27th, at Dean Johnston's Home, 1943 East River Road, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss and begin the work upon the present problem. A full attendance is imperative. If each one attends and does his bit, our success is almost certain.

RESERVE THIS DATE FOR THIS MEETING.

If you have a car and will pick up one or two to bring to the meeting, notify the Secretary Di 0089; or if you have no car, call the Secretary and provision will be made to take you to and from the meeting.

Questions of the utmost importance will come up for determination and we urge you to be present.

Sincerely yours,
L. E. Jordan, Chairman
J. B. Johnston
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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

September 28th, 1927.

Solon J Buck
67 Barton Ave S E

Dear Neighbor:-

Our meeting at Dean Johnston's home Tuesday evening was a gratifying success. By actual count we had fifty members of our organization present, and the spirit of mutual co-operation and community loyalty was evident in all that was said and done. Your committee wish to thank you personally for your attendance and for your promise of continued support.

The organized drive for members and funds will begin within a few days. Wait for our next announcement.

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ASSESSMENT PLEDGE

Name

Address..... Date.....

In consideration of the pledges of others for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association in the interest of the property owners I hereby subscribe.....dollars, being 25 per cent of my assessment under the Zoning Plan which was rejected by the City Council to be paid, one-fourth in 30 days from date hereof and balance in 3 installments payable on 30 days notice after 60 days as called for by the Executive Committee.

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SUSTAINING PLEDGE

In consideration of the pledges of others I hereby subscribe Ten Dollars annually for a period of.....years to carry on the work of the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association.

Date.....

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action. Old problems and new ones will receive careful attention. It is imperative that the secretary be retained for another year and in order that this expense and other expense be properly taken care of it is necessary that a substantial amount be provided by the members.

The committee is convinced that a responsible person should be kept actively at work to keep watch of matters cropping out from time to time, as money can be saved by forestalling efforts which might result in injury to the community in one way or another.

Money will be needed for the various projects which are now up and we cannot afford to lie down on the job, especially in view of the fact that our contention as to the zoning has been upheld by the United States Court.

At a largely attended meeting on the evening of September 27th fifty residents promised their active support in a drive to raise the funds needed for the coming year. There should be at least fifty workers for this purpose. This committee will be organized immediately and the drive will be prosecuted with vigor so that the funds will be available at once.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Jordan, Chairman,
J. B. Johnston,
Chas. H. Ramsdell,
F. F. Lindsay,
D. E. Minnich,
Wm. Anderson,
J. O. Jones,
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association

1926-27

When the city council late in 1926 finally rejected the plan to zone the district along the Milwaukee right-of-way in Southeast Minneapolis against further extension of industries, a large number of residents protested this action. Meetings were held, committees formed, and finally in November, 1926, a mass meeting organized the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association to protect the interests of residents in this section of the city. A constitution was adopted, printed and circulated in the district. It was sent with a letter explaining the purposes of the organization to all who had signified willingness to pay assessments under the rejected zoning project. A return postal card was also included, asking the advice of the residents as to what the association should do first, and of these cards over 200 were returned. An active drive for membership resulted in enrolling 289 residents in the association.

At the organization meeting an executive committee of seven was authorized to carry on the work of the association until block units of members could be formed, and until these units could select their delegates to the central advisory board. The latter work was started but not completed.

The executive committee has been active

throughout the year in many matters affecting the neighborhood. When a group of residents on Thornton Street decided to bring action to abate the oil storage plant of the W. H. Barber Oil Co. as a serious menace and nuisance which endangers the whole community and which is a detriment to property values, the committee co-operated with them in selecting an attorney, in gathering evidence, and in receiving the funds for a substantial retainer paid to the attorney.

Upon receiving a protest from the residents along East River Road against operation of buses along this road, the committee presented resolutions against such operation and was represented at the hearings on the matter. The buses have not been removed but they have been regulated.

The proposal to widen and repave University Avenue, having come up for action in the city council, the association took action to oppose the effort to shoulder the greater part of the expense upon the residents of this district. It was argued that University Avenue is an arterial street, carrying heavy inter-city and state traffic and that the proposed improvements would be a detriment rather than an advantage to their property interests. Various proposals to pave Franklin Avenue, 27th Avenue and East River Road were also considered, and the committee kept constant watch throughout the year to prevent the imposition of a heavy expense upon the residents. Each of these projects will impose a heavy tax burden upon the residents.

The East River Road project alone will cost the property owners \$100,000 according to a careful estimate of a well informed city official.

The question of better co-ordination of street car service between the Oak Street and Franklin Avenue line was taken up and a very satisfactory arrangement made for better connections of these lines at Yale Avenue. Proposals for extending the

street car line into Prospect Park were also considered, and one specific proposal in this direction was made. Numerous other matters were taken up, ranging in importance from installing of mail boxes to questions of supervision of public playgrounds at Prospect Field and the traffic hazards on University Avenue and other avenues.

In connection with the work the committee has held 24 meetings, many of them occupying entire evenings, a number of conferences as occasion demanded, and a number of mass meetings have also been held at Motley School, Sidney Pratt School and at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. The meetings on the repaving of University Avenue were held mainly at Sidney Pratt School.

The committee early found and is still thoroughly convinced that its activities cannot be properly carried out without the aid of a full-time secretary. Such a secretary was hired in the person of Mr. L. Lund who has been active throughout the year in managing the affairs of the association. His accounts were audited at a recent meeting and were found correct.

He has also attended the meetings of the city council, and its committees, meetings of the Park Board and other boards, and spent considerable time at the legislature during the last session in appearing before committees in opposition to the proposed repeal of the 1915 zoning law. He has been active in gathering information as to nuisances in the neighborhood and keeping careful watch of all developments affecting the community's welfare.

This work has cost money, and during the year \$1,243.58 was raised and spent. The committee expects to carry on the activities of the organization in the coming year even more vigorously than it has in the past. Every aid possible will be given to the residents who have brought the abatement

1927

OAK STREET-PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

Residents and Property Owners
Oak Street Prospect Park.

As a property holder and resident of the Oak Street Prospect Park you are especially interested in the question concerning the W. H. Barber Company's Plant.

We earnestly believe that a solution of this problem can be arrived at satisfactorily to all residents of Oak Street Prospect Park, without the usual disagreeable and lengthy court proceedings entailing considerable expense. We feel that it is to our interest to accomplish this with as little noise as possible.

The W. H. Barber Company has taken the initiative regarding a settlement out of court with the understanding that the subject of the negotiations will be the time and condition of the removal of the plant.

In order that all interested may be heard, and their viewpoints presented, arrangements have been made so that a series of meetings will be held immediately for the purpose of hearing any resident of the district or others who should be heard in conjunction with the committee, and N. C. Beim, the W. H. Barber Company representative.

These meetings are to be held in a room in the rear of the Evans Barber Shop at 48 27th Avenue Southeast, time of meetings Tuesday and Friday nights from 7:30 o'clock to 9:00 P. M., beginning Tuesday, January 31, and continuing if necessary to Friday, March the 2nd, and additional meetings will be arranged if required.

We sincerely hope that everyone interested will feel free to express their opinions, and offer any suggestions or bring up any question that should be discussed during these meetings.

For your convenience use the inclosed post card, fill out and mail so that you can be informed just when to attend.

With the best interests of the residents of Oak Street Prospect Park in mind, the executive committee requests your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

By L. E. Jordan, Chairman,
F. F. Lindsay,
J. B. Johnston,

Special Committee.

I AM INTERESTED—

And would like to be notified when to attend.

I PREFER

Date

Date

Tuesday _____ Friday _____

Remarks: _____

Sincerely,

Name _____

St. and No. _____

Tel. No. _____

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



L. LUND, Secretary
Oak Street-Prospect Park
Residents' Association
612 Erie Street, S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

FELLOW TAX PAYER:

Lay aside every other engagement and come to a meeting with the rest of the folks at the Sidney Pratt School, corner Melbourne and Malcolm Aves., on Thursday Eve., February 2nd and secure some first hand information with reference to taxes and special assessment. It is high time that the people make their voices heard.

L. LUND, Secretary
Oak Street-Prospect Park
Residents' Association

Solem J Buck 67 Barten \$150.00

Orrin P Bailey 112 Seymour \$140.00

P G Kronstedt 120 " 120.00

Donald Skinn 1846 Green St
Rockford Ills 67.50

W T Ryan 116 Melbourne 67.50

E E Goody 120 " 67.50

Louise Hopkins 126 " 70.00

Lts 4-5 now owned by a Mr Lind no address
assessment \$110.00

Lt 11 Bl 1 Try and find out where
Donald Grant is

kee right of way, be also vacated. The company is the owner of the lots to the west of this alley, facing on Thornton street, and undoubtedly now wishes to have legal authority to extend its business, which is heavy industrial, westward onto property which is zoned for light industry.

The Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association, having fully considered all the available facts in the case, finds its membership strongly and unalterably opposed to any further grants of special privileges by the city council to the W. H. Barber Company. For the information of those who are in any way concerned in this matter, the association has prepared the foregoing statement of the facts. Its reasons for opposition to the granting of the petitions of the company now before the city council, while numerous, are so important and so cogent that they are also printed herewith. They are as follows:

First, that the restrictions placed upon the W. H. Barber Agency Company in the original resolution of the council vacating Chandler street were fit and proper restrictions, and were necessary to protect the lives and the property rights of residents in the neighborhood, and to prevent the plant of the said company from becoming a serious nuisance and a menace.

Second, that the city council has already, by the amendment to the original resolution adopted in 1915, reduced the conditions imposed upon the company, and has retained no conditions which were not entirely reasonable.

Third, that despite frequent protests made by residents and property owners in the vicinity, the company has not lived up to the conditions upon which it was given the use of a public street, and which it accepted, and that it would be more conducive to the welfare of the public and of the adjacent residents, and more in keeping with the dignity of the city council, to enforce the conditions previously imposed and accepted, or to nullify the resolution vacating the street, than to make new concessions, without any consideration, to a petitioner who has failed to live up to an agreement previously made for a valuable consideration.

Fourth, that the aforesaid company has not only failed to comply with the conditions of its agreement with the city as to Chandler street, but has further shown its disrespect for the ordinances of the city by erecting a building upon its premises without a permit, an offense for which it was penalized in Municipal Court on March 2nd of this year; and that we have reason to believe that it has on

other occasions erected tanks and other structures without building permits.

Fifth, that the plant of the said company has been so constructed, and its business is being so conducted, as to constitute in our judgment a serious menace to all the numerous residents in the vicinity; and that our judgment in this matter is corroborated by that of the residents in most immediate proximity to the plant, who have banded themselves together to institute an action in the courts to abate the plant of the said company as a nuisance and a menace to the health and safety of the people.

Sixth, that this action is now pending in the Federal district court, where it is likely to come up for trial in the spring, and that the only immediate end to be served by the passing of the resolution relating to Chandler street for which the company is now petitioning, is to have some influence, beneficial to the company, upon the decision of the court in this case.

Seventh, that the ultimate result, should the council remove all restrictions attached to the company's use of Chandler street, will be to increase the danger and the nuisance to other residents in the vicinity.

Eighth, that to permit the company the full and free use of the alley, for the vacation of which it is now petitioning, will be to extend the danger fourteen feet closer to the residents along Thornton street and farther west, to allow heavy industry to invade a light industrial district, and to prevent the fire department, in case of fire, from getting access to the plant via the alley.

Ninth, that the whole tendency of the company's course of conduct and of its petitions now before the council, indicate an intention to expand still farther a dangerous heavy industry in a light industrial area which is closely surrounded by residential areas which are now either fully built up or are rapidly approaching the built-up stage.

For these reasons the association feels that it must protest in the strongest and most measured terms against the passage by the council of the company's petitions now before that body.

OAK STREET-PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION—

By: L. E. Jordan, Pres.

F. F. Lindsay.

D. E. Minnich.

Wm. Anderson.

J. B. Johnston.

C. H. Ramsdell.

L. Lund, Secy.-Treas.

Executive Committee.

A STATEMENT

The Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association presents the following statement concerning the vacation of a portion of Chandler street some years ago for the benefit of the W. H. Barber Company, and concerning the petitions now pending before the council for the vacation of an alley and the granting of other special privileges to the said company.

On December 15, 1913, the mayor approved a resolution of the city council for the vacation of Chandler street within certain limits upon certain very explicit conditions. A little over a year later this resolution was amended by another resolution which was signed by the mayor on February 4, 1915. The text of the resolution as amended is given below. The originals may be found in the council proceedings of 1913, page 1355, and 1915, page 81.

RESOLUTION

By Alderman McInerny

Vacating Chandler street from Hamline avenue to the right of way of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, on conditions therein named.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That all that part of Chandler street, in the City of Minneapolis, between the north line of Hamline avenue and the westerly line of the right of way of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, and included between the west line of block 5 of Prospect Park Heights and the east line of blocks 26 and 33 in Meeker Island Land and Power Company's Addition Revised, according to the plats of said additions on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Hennepin County, Minnesota, be and the same is hereby vacated on the conditions that the W. H. Barber Agency Company, a corporation, owner of said block 5 Prospect Park Heights, lots 1 to 11 inclusive of said block 33, and lots 1 to 5 inclusive of block 26, Meeker Island Land and Power Company's Addition Revised, its successors and assigns, now operating a general oil business on said property, shall on or before September 1st, 1915, construct around said entire property, including the portion of Chandler street hereby vacated. (Here we insert the amendment of 1915) fireproof walls and iron fences as herein described, to-wit: along the Hamline avenue side of said property, in front of the office building thereon, and to a point 122.5 feet east of the southwest corner of said property, a brick and iron

wall 8 feet in height; on the west side of said property abutting on the alley running through said blocks 33 and 26, and on the northeasterly side of said property abutting on the railway right of way from the most northerly corner of said property southeasterly to the warehouse located on the southeast corner of said property, a stucco concrete fence 10 feet high, and a like temporary stucco concrete fence on the south side of said property along Hamline avenue from the southwest corner of said property to a point 122.5 feet east from the southwest corner of said property, such temporary fence to be maintained until the construction of a warehouse and office building at the southwesterly corner of said property; all said fences to be constructed and maintained by said company of materials and designs as shown upon and in accordance with the specifications and blueprint plans therefor on file in the office of the Inspector of Buildings of said city. (Here ends the 1915 amendment. The original resolution of 1913 then goes on as follows:) The said wall on the Hamline avenue side of said property to be built along the entire length of said property except where there is constructed upon or near the property line a building of fireproof material, in which case the wall need only be built up to and connecting with said building; the said wall on the side of said property adjacent to said railway right of way to be built on the property line and so constructed as to admit the passage of freight cars upon the tracks through said wall.

And upon the further condition that said W. H. Barber Agency Company, its successors and assigns, shall agree to do and shall do all the loading and unloading of tanks and cars upon the spur track so to be constructed on said premises within said wall, and that no barrels shall be piled in any part of said inclosed premises so as to show over the top of the walls thereof, and all tanks and said walls, excepting the brick wall, shall be painted and be without advertising or lettering, and that said company, its successors or assigns, shall remove the fence and all barrels on lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, in said block 33, Meeker Island Land and Power Company's Addition and shall not use said last named premises for any purpose in connection with their said oil business except for the construction of buildings thereon.

And on the further condition that said W. H. Barber Agency Company shall, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this resolution, file with the City Clerk of the City of Minneapolis a written acceptance hereof,

duly executed by its proper officers, agreeing in and by said acceptance that said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall abide by and perform all the terms and conditions of this resolution by them to be observed, done and performed; that upon the failure of said company to file such acceptance and agreement within the time herein specified or upon the failure of said company, its successors and assigns, to observe, do and perform all and singular the terms and conditions hereof, then this resolution shall be null and void.

Passed December 12th, 1913.

KARL DE LAITRE,
President of the Council.

Approved December 16th, 1913.

W. G. NYE,
Mayor.

Attest:

HENRY N. KNOTT,
City Clerk.

The council may vacate streets under certain conditions, and it may also refuse to vacate any street. When it does order a vacation, it must naturally and logically attempt to protect the interests of all adjacent property owners concerned. The oil business is in itself so dangerous, and when conducted on a large scale is so likely to become a nuisance in many ways, that it was but right that the council should, in vacating Chandler street for an oil company, attach such conditions to its resolution favoring the vacation as would keep the nuisance within the walls surrounding the company's plant, and would limit the fire hazard to neighboring property owners. These conditions, which were entirely reasonable, and were accepted by the company more than twelve years ago, are even more necessary now, since many new homes have been erected in this neighborhood in recent years.

What has occurred since 1912 and 1915 when the resolutions printed above were passed and accepted? As far as we have been able to ascertain, the council has not made any change in the conditions imposed upon the W. H. Barber Company. Neither has any public official, as far as we are aware, taken any active steps to enforce "all and singular the terms and conditions" of those resolutions. The company, on the other hand, immediately occupied and made use of the street, and it continues to do so today. Within the lines of the vacated portion of Chandler street it has erected twenty-six storage tanks and a part of its office building.

But at the same time the company has not

complied with the terms and conditions upon which it was given the right to use this portion of Chandler street. Its unloading is not done within its walls, nor has any spur track been built into its property for this purpose. Instead the unloading is done in full view of residents along Arthur, Melbourne, Franklin and other avenues. In addition the company has ignored the requirement as to the piling of barrels, and by painting a large sign upon one of its principal storage tanks it has gone directly contrary to a specific provision of its agreement.

Not only has it been guilty of a failure to observe its agreement, but it has also shown disrespect for other ordinances passed by the city council. Construction work, the work of erecting tanks, and remodeling work have been carried on from time to time by the company without permits from the proper city authorities, and we contend that ninety per cent of the structures now on the premises of the W. H. Barber Company have been erected without permits and are there today in violation of the ordinances of the city. In support of this contention we refer specifically to a copy of the complaint which has been filed in the Federal district court by a number of residents living near the plant who have brought action to abate the plant as a nuisance and a menace to life and property. These residents, having long lived in fear of a large gasoline and oil storage plant at their very doors, have banded together to secure legal redress, and to secure from the courts the protection to which they believe themselves fully entitled. Their action is now pending before the Federal district court.

Now, after these repeated evidences of its disregard for the city's ordinances, and for its own agreement with the city under the resolution vacating Chandler street, comes the W. H. Barber Company, on October 24, 1927, before the city council with two petitions for additional special privileges. One of these asks that all the conditions upon which the council consented to vacate Chandler street, and which the company agreed to, but failed to observe, should now be entirely stricken from the resolution, so that the company may occupy and use Chandler street without observing any of the conditions originally imposed to protect the public and the adjacent residents and property owners.

The other petition of the company now before the council asks that the alley lying along the western boundary of its oil plant property from Franklin Avenue Southeast (formerly Hamline Avenue) to the Milwau-

L. E. JORDAN, Pres.
122 Arthur Ave., S. E.
Dinsmore 5992

L. LUND, Sec'y-Treas.
612 Erie St., S. E.
Dinsmore 0089

OAK STREET-PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

To members and others, interested in the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents Association:

Minnesota 13, Michigan 7—And the little Brown Jug is back among us again.

Team work did this thing, and the same thing applies to anything that is accomplished, whether in athletics or in the betterment of the community.

The enclosed statement has to do with efforts now being put forth to destroy the residential integrity of our community, and the safety of some of the people in it. It also has a bearing on the maintenance of property values. **READ EVERY WORD OF THE STATEMENT** and then make up your mind to get behind the association and the executive committee, morally and financially, in their efforts to bring about better conditions.

A goodly number have pledged their financial support, and if you have not already done so, please make your pledge on the enclosed card and mail to the Secretary-Treasurer soon, so we may know exactly where we stand.

We must have united support for the cause of a better neighborhood and we feel you will do your share. There are some who have an amount which amounts to more than the original assessment levied against them under the rezoning plan and we believe the folks are sufficiently interested so they will pledge as much as 25% of their total assessment for the use of the committee in its work for community betterment.

On next Monday, November 28th, at 3 P. M., the City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the matter of the application of the W. H. Barber Oil Company for the unqualified vacation of Chandler street as well as in the matter of the alley vacation, requested by this company. The hearing will in all likelihood be held in the City Council chamber and we urge that all interested parties attend and express their feelings on this proposal.

The calendar year for membership has expired. Members are requested to send in their renewals at once, and if possible co-operate further by contributing a sustaining membership at the rate of \$10.00 annually.

There are other matters of the utmost importance, which will affect your taxes on which the committee is working and therefore it is incumbent upon all of us to get into the game now in every way so as to be able to check anything that will be of detriment to our interests.

Sincerely yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
By L. Lund, Secy.-Treas.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Oak St.-Prospect Park Residents' Association

612 Erie St., S. E.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Minneapolis, Minn. December 7, 1926

I am interested in an organization which will work to protect the homes and residential property in the Oak Street-Prospect Park district.

I am especially interested in the items checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suppression of the smoke nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> The abatement of nuisances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separation of railroad grades | <input type="checkbox"/> The paving of University Avenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better playground facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of fire hazards |

My suggestions for the work of the association are:

Signed _____

Telephone _____ Address _____

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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

October 18th 1927.

Dear Neighbor--

Please take notice that a meeting of those who agreed to participate in the visitation of the people of the community will be held at the home of Dean Johnston on Friday evening Oct, 21st at 7.30 and you are asked to be as prompt as possible, so we may proceed to the business in hand and get through as soon as possible.

Your committee has been actively at work and the assignments to each individual will not be, in any sense burdensome.

The whole matter to be taken up as a community proposition and can be cleaned up in an evening or two if we get right at it.

Sincerely Yours

Executive Committee

By *L. Lund* Sec'y Treas

*met at
1943 S. River Rd*

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L. LUND, Sec'y-Treas.
612 Erie St., S. E.
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OAK STREET - PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.
October 21st 1927.

Mr Solon J Buck
67 Barton Ave S E

Dear Neighbor-

With reference to Mr Lind mentioned on your reference card, the information I have is that Dr Montelius in the Besse Building sold this property some time ago to this man and at the time I called him, did not have his address. Possibly some of the neighbors would know of Mr Lind's whereabouts. The description of this property is; lots 4-5 Blk 1 Prospect Park Heights Add and is located at the N W cor Seymour and Melbourne.

Donald Grant owns lots 6-7 Bl 1 same addition and he I understand was interested in the movement to clean up the neighborhood.

Dougald Skinn's property is known as lot 11 Bl 1 same addition and is located on the north-east corner of Barton and Melbourne Ave.

Hoping this explanation will straighten out the defects on your card I remain

Sincerely Yours

L Lund

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OAK STREET-PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minn.

December 6th, 1927.

Mr Solon J Buck
67 Barton Ave S E

Dear Neighbor-

Due to the fact that some important developments arose and needed attention with reference to the Barber Oil matter and the mandamus action of Chase vs Babcock, I have been unable, until the present moment to make inquiry as to how the canvass for the association fund has progressed.

May we ask if you will kindly advise the undersigned as to the outcome of your efforts so we may start collecting on the pledges as far as possible.

In case you have run into any peculiar conditions in the canvass with reference to any particular individual, kindly give a little tip in the report as to what was said, so we may be guided somewhat in following up on these cases.

Thanking you for your efforts and anticipating a good return from them we remain

Sincerely Yours

Oak Street-Prospect Park
Residents' Association

By

L. Lund Sec-Treas

Lund, Dec. 26.

Oak St

The University of Minnesota
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts
Minneapolis

February 11, 1928.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barton Avenue S.E.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The Executive Committee of the Oak St.-Prospect Park Residents' Association is trying to secure the removal of the Barber Oil Co. To do this without long drawn and expensive court proceedings will require the backing of the residents. The committee is powerless without it.

A special committee is holding hearings for the purpose of finding out the desires of the residents. The volume and definiteness of this testimony will determine the strength of the committee in dealing with the Barber Company. Please come and put yourself on record.

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Place: room in rear of Evans' Barber Shop, 44 - 27 Ave., next to Piggly-Wiggly.

Sincerely yours,

J B Johnston

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Telegram

Jan 5, 1928

~~Mr.~~ Alfred Powers

322 Corbett Bldg.

Portland Oregon

Appreciate invitation ^{for} to teach in summer
school and regret cannot accept.

S. J. O. B.

January 7, 1928

Professor Robert C. Clark,
University of Oregon,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Clark:

You will probably have heard by the time this reaches you that I did not accept the very kind invitation to teach in your summer session. I want, however, to explain to you the reasons that impelled me to decline. In the first place your session begins so early that acceptance would have necessitated my missing the annual summer meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society and the windup of our fiscal year at the end of June; in the second place I figured that, as I should have to take a leave of absence without salary from the Minnesota Historical Society and give up my half time teaching at the University of Minnesota summer session, the difference in salary would not cover railroad fares to say nothing of extra living expenses.

Curiously enough I received at the same time with the offer from Oregon a telegram from Harvard asking me to teach in the summer session there; and, as their session does not begin until July 2 and the compensation is such that I would about break even, I decided to accept.

I assure you that the offer from Oregon was appreciated, and it is a matter of sincere regret to me that I could not accept, as I know that I should have enjoyed the experience.

Sincerely yours

SJB/OS

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

July 17, 1928

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have given your messages to the various people as you asked me to do.

As Mr. Blegen wrote you last night the dictaphone is now installed. There had to be quite a bit of repair work done to it before it was ready to be used. I thought that all that was being done before it was sent over, but was over to the Capitol one day and Mr. Waddell asked me if they had been ^{is it} up yet. When I said not, he called them right up and they came that day but didn't get it finished till yesterday. I have listened in on it but haven't written any letters from it yet. Have been too busy with writing receipts for dues, etc. Miss Heimes has been rushed with typing for the magazine, Folwell history, and the Norwegian book. Things are rushing here. the University

Miss Wheelhouse is sending you a chapter of the Folwell history by mail tonight and says that when you want any more to let her know and she will send it right on.

Mr. Hodnefield has started his vacation as has also Miss Clark. I made a reservation today for Thursday night, the twenty-sixth. Think I can get everything all fixed up by that time. Miss Blegen is back, of course, and with Miss Heimes here, I am sure they can get on all right. Anne will have the mid-month checks all ready for you to sign when you get back. The July meeting of the executive committee is to be tomorrow afternoon, with Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blegen and Mr. Cutler there. Mr. Ingersoll is away and Mr. Harris is not yet able to be out. He is home from the hospital and Mrs. Harris tells me that he is getting on nicely; he can walk about a little up stairs but has not been down yet.

Archer went to see Mr. Swanson the other day; found him very weak -- in bed most of the time. He is still in the hospital and I doubt if he gets out for some time yet.

Can't think of any more gossip just now so will stop.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer

Am enclosing a letter from Mr. Schafer and something from the Guggenheim Foundation.

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK
Superintendent
THEODORE C. BLEGEN
Assistant Superintendent

July 23, 1928

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am enclosing herein a letter that came to you this morning from Mr. Mereness.

Everything seems to be going on all right here; Mr. Blegen is having a grand time cleaning up his desk and shelves and getting everything taken care of preparatory to leaving next Saturday night. Some days the reading room is full -- every table being occupied, sometimes by three or four people, ^{talk} and there are lots of tourists coming in now too.

Hope the weather has cooled off somewhat with you. It is quite a little better here now although not cold by any means.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLOM J. BUCK
SUPERINTENDENT

THEODORE C. BLEGEN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

July 26, 1928

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Well, I think I have everything straight and am ready to leave tonight for my vacation. Am quite sure I have told the girls all I know and have looked ahead as far as possible trying to anticipate anything that may come up.

You will be glad to know that Miss Krausnick's matter has been taken care of and that it is all right. There was no trouble about it at all.

We had a little party yesterday afternoon for Mr. Blegen. Mrs. Buck thought maybe she would come down and bring her father and mother, but they evidently were too tired as they didn't come.

Hope there wont be anything you need when you get back that the girls wont know about for I have tried to get everything done. However, I'll be back and will finish anything undone.

Hope you aren't working too hard and that you will get off on a vacation for a while.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer

January 11, 1928

Dr. C. O. Paullin
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Paullin:-

Enclosed herewith you will find an abstract of my paper on the Bibliography of American Travel. I am not sure that you wanted a copy of the paper itself, but I find that I have a number of carbons and so I am enclosing one of them also. ✓

Sincerely yours ✓

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JUN 27 1927

71 COLLINS ROAD
WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

June 24, 1927.

Dear Buck -

When I return in September -
I'll be very glad, indeed, to send
you copies of the Historical addresses.
I've just moved - at Amherst - and
am now en route to Europe - so
that I can't ask anyone to send
the copies for me. But as soon
as I reach Amherst, in the
fall - I'll send them off to you.

It's gratifying to know that
the series of addresses was of some
use.

Cordially yours

Lawrence B Packard

H. Sloan J. Buck.
H Paul. Minn.

September 17, 1928

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

I am compiling a bibliography of Alvord's work for the M. V. H. A. and have run up against a snag which you can probably help me to overcome.

The Biennial Reports of the State Historical Library of Illinois from 1912/14 to 1916/18 contain his reports as editor of the Collections. Similar reports appeared also in issues for preceding years, but unfortunately these issues are not in our library. I assume that you have a file, or at least that there is one in the Library of the University of Illinois, and will appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will give me a list of such reports prior to the one for 1912/14, with inclusive pages in each instance.

I am sending the bibliography, together with an article on Alvord, to Quaife today, but it will not go to press until the end of the month and I shall have an opportunity to send in corrections and additions. It occurs to me that you or someone in your office might be willing to check it over with your University catalogue and such other sources of information as may be available and let me know of any additions or corrections that should be made; consequently I am sending herewith a carbon copy of the bibliography.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MU SIGMA CHAPTER
PHI GAMMA DELTA

1129 University Avenue S. E.
Minneapolis

October 31, 1927

Dear Brother Fiji:

We are about to be faced again with the job of properly providing for the perpetuation of our chapter -- and yours. The official fraternity rushing season will open immediately upon our return to school after the Christmas holidays. The unofficial rushing season, however, is already in full swing. The chapter which postpones its rushing activities until the time set aside for them is inevitably doomed to failure under the present system. It is imperative, therefore, that we get to work on all potential rushees at the earliest possible moment.

In a school of Minnesota's present size, it is impossible that more than a small fraction of the desirable freshmen become known to us by the happy chance of acquaintance on the campus. We are obliged to turn for help to you. Without doubt, there are many men on this campus who would make excellent Fiji material, but who are unknown to us. It is not unlikely that you know one or more of these men, and it will assist greatly in the success of our rushing season if you will be good enough to send us the names of any such men who have come to your attention. And it will be an added assistance if you will send us these names, together with any such information as you consider useful, immediately.

We realize that there has been some laxity in our attention to rushing correspondence in the past few years, but we assure you that all correspondence from you will receive prompt attention. We shall be glad, if you desire it, to keep you informed of the progress of our relations with the men recommended by you.

On the back of this letter, you will find recommendation blanks. Please turn this sheet over now and return it with your recommendations.

Thanking you for your kind attention in this important matter, we are

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

John M. Palmer
Chairman rushing committee

Allen B. Nourse
President.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Name Home address

School last attended

Interests: Social Journalistic (Other interests)
(underline) Athletic Dramatic
 Political Literary

School address (if known)

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July 19, 1928

Professor Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Professor Buck:

In your ILLINOIS IN 1818, page 303, you make Michael Jones of Kaskaskia the candidate for the Senate of the United States.

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I do not have access to James and the legislative journals which you there cite. The citations to Reynolds do not fit either edition. There is nothing in the "Intelligencer" to show which Michael Jones was the candidate. Inasmuch as the other one had already been a member of the constitutional convention and was also a Senator in this first general assembly, with a distinguished political career ahead of him, it seems quite possible that he might have been the candidate.

I wonder if you recall whether you had positive evidence that the Kaskaskia Michael Jones was the candidate? I know nothing in his life from 1812 to 1818 that would indicate either political activity, popularity or ambition on his part.

I am editing a volume for the Historical Library and I should like to have as definite information as you can give me.

Yours very sincerely,

Francis S. Philbrick

FSP:MLR

F. S. Philbrick
Prof. of Law.

August 17, 1928

Professor F. S. Philbrick
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Philbrick:

Your letter of July 19 arrived while I was in Cambridge teaching at the Harvard summer school and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply to it.

I have looked up the statement concerning Michael Jones in Illinois in 1818, to which you refer, but I am afraid that I cannot be of any assistance to you. I have no recollection of the matter and the references cited are not available here. I was very much interested at the time, however, in the distinction between the two Michael Joneses and I feel sure that I must have had some good reason for assuming that it was the one of Kaskaskia who was the candidate for the Senate. My Illinois in 1818 was concluded after I came to Minnesota and the footnotes were considerably juggled by the editorial staff so that I do not feel altogether responsible for them. My only suggestion would be, therefore, that you arrange to have all the citations looked up in the hopes that one of them might settle the point.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

PHI BETA KAPPA
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April 20, 1927.

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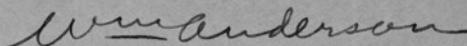
Dear Professor Buck:

As the time draws near for our annual meeting and election of new members, I am reminded that the period for the completion of the Phi Beta Kappa endowment fund has been extended to July 1st. The first objective has been accomplished; the Memorial building at William and Mary College has been completed, paid for, and dedicated to its purpose. At the same time the fund has been steadily growing for the accomplishment of the other aims in the promotion of scholarship and teaching.

The local chapter has participated in the campaign by soliciting directly all of the members elected to membership locally, and with very gratifying results. You were elected to membership by another chapter, but have for some time identified yourself with the University of Minnesota and the local chapter. Your contribution can be credited to either of these chapters as you decide.

In order to help us to complete the fund, and to give our local chapter a high rating among those most active in this work, will you not fill out and sign the enclosed subscription form, stating the amount you wish to subscribe, and send the subscription to me?

Cordially yours,



President of the Chapter.

P. S. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of
"Noblesse Oblige."

Pi Gamma Mu

January 24, 1927

Dean Leroy Allen
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 18 concerning Pi Gamma Mu which was addressed to me in the care of the History Department of the University of Minnesota was long delayed in reaching me as I was on leave of absence from the University last term. The copy of the magazine, Social Science, moreover, seems to have disappeared if it reached the University.

My first reaction to your courteous invitation is that it would be unwise for me to join any more organizations. Naturally, however, I am somewhat interested in your purposes and I shall talk the matter over with Professor D. H. Davis at the first opportunity. In the meantime I shall appreciate it very much if you will have another copy of the magazine sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis. I should like very much to have the opportunity of examining it.

Sincerely yours

B/P



Winfield, Kansas
November 18, 1926

Prof. Solon J. Buck
History Department
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Prof. Buck:

Your name has been suggested by Prof. D. H. Davis for membership-at-large of Pi Gamma Mu. Your qualifications have been approved and you are hereby invited to become a member of the National Chapter. Pi Gamma Mu is no ordinary honor society, but has a purpose and a program. Its aim is "Co-operation in the scientific study of human problems," embracing such fields as those of sociology, economics, commerce, business administration, geography, law, political science, history education, psychology, biology, philosophy, ethics, religion, etc. You can help much in carrying on the work of the society. A copy of our new magazine, "Social Science," is mailed you under separate cover.

As Pi Gamma Mu is a new society, faculty members and social workers are elected to membership-at-large to give the organization that maturity of leadership which it could not obtain for ten or fifteen years if composed chiefly of undergraduate students. Each older member is expected to contribute, according to his time and energy, to the advancement of the Pi Gamma Mu program.

If you decide to accept this invitation, please fill out the enclosed card and return it to me with your life-membership fee of five dollars. There are no annual dues or further fees. Check should be made out to Dean William A Hamilton, National Treasurer, but should be sent with the card to me.

Upon receipt of card and fee you will be elected to Pi Gamma Mu, and permit issued to buy the key. Should a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu be established in any institution with which you are later connected, you would become a member of such chapter, otherwise you will continue a member-at-large of the National Chapter, with all privileges thereof.

Very sincerely yours,

Leroy Allen

PI GAMMA MU ENROLLMENT CARD



This card is to be filled out on the reverse by the candidate and returned to Leroy Allen, National President of Pi Gamma Mu, 1414 East Fourth Avenue, Winfield, Kansas, together with a check for the five-dollar initiation fee, made out to William A. Hamilton, who is National Secretary-Treasurer. Student and alumni members must be endorsed by faculty members of their local chapter.

Solon J. Buck

Leroy Allen, National President

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1414 E. 4th Ave., Winfield, Kansas

Dear Sir:—I hereby signify my willingness to accept the honor of election to Pi Gamma Mu, and enclose a check for my initiation fee.

Signature

Address

Position

Institution

Graduated from (with degrees)

Chief social science subjects

Number semester hours in social science

Approximate average grade therein

Indorsed by

Leroy Allen

Pi Gamma Mu is not an ordinary honor society. It has no national ritual and no secret features of any sort. Its name is simple and modest, merely the initials of the Greek words meaning "Students of Social Science."

The purpose of Pi Gamma Mu is not the glorification of its own members, the parading of their titles, honors and achievements, but it is the serious purpose of advancing the cause of the scientific study of social problems. To accomplish this aim, it has a real program, which it is now putting into effect. To this end it seeks to align the socially minded college and university teachers and students of America in a movement opposed to social ignorance and superstition and to advance the reliance upon scientific truth as the road to freedom, security, progress and the highest human welfare. The wide and enthusiastic acceptance of the purpose and program of Pi Gamma Mu proves both the need for such a movement and its practicability. Pi Gamma Mu starts at the source, with the social science teachers and students of our colleges and universities. If these devote themselves to this work as to a sacred cause, we cannot fail. Many hundreds of our membership already manifest this spirit, and thousands more will do so.

Within a very short time, we shall complete the second step, and turn to the organization of new chapters. Members-at-large and others interested in the establishment of chapters should write the National President.

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National Social Science
Honor Society



ORIGIN, PURPOSE, PLANS AND IDEALS

Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honor Society, was established December first, 1924, by the co-operation of seventeen colleges and universities in which chapters were simultaneously organized. These institutions were: Southwestern College, College of William and Mary, Washburn College, Berea College, University of Akron, University of Toledo, North-Western College, Lawrence College, University of Wyoming, Baylor University, Southwestern University, Hamline University, Willamette University, College of the Pacific, Montana State University, Iowa State College, Birmingham-Southern College. Eleven chapters have since been added (June 19, 1926), at Dakota Wesleyan University, Drury College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Furman University, Texas Christian University, Grove City College, Mississippi A. and M. College, Union College, Colby College, Randolph-Macon Women's College, Marshall College, Gettysburg College.

The plan of organization adopted was a unique one. It consisted of three steps: first, the simultaneous organization of charter chapters in a few selected institutions; second, the election of members-at-large in numerous other institutions; third, the establishment of other chapters as the demand for them might arise.

The first stage has been successfully passed and there are now twenty-nine fully organized chapters actively functioning in their several institutions. The second stage, while not as yet quite completed, has also justified its wisdom, as over one thousand members-at-large, representing the social science faculties of more than five hundred American colleges and universities, including practically all of the leading institutions, have been elected and are enthusiastic promoters of the new Society.

Up to this time no special effort has been put forth to establish new chapters, as it is felt that the Society should be conservative in this respect. Nevertheless a few chapters have been established where there has been a demand for the organization. Possibly an active movement to establish chapters will be a part of the program of the near future. In the meantime it is desired to make the new order nationally known in the academic world through the election to membership-at-large of teachers of social sciences in representative colleges and universities. These members-at-large will act as guides, counselors and friends of the younger men and women in the movement. These older members will contribute to the national journal, serve as judges in the contests, act on committees, furnish advice on policies, and in their own teaching and administrative work in every way promote the ideals to which Pi Gamma Mu is devoted. They will give to the Society that maturity of thought and leadership which it could not have for fifteen or twenty years if composed chiefly of members elected as undergraduates.

The fundamental purpose of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and reward the undergraduate study of social science and to awaken interest on the part of young educated men and women in the scientific attitude toward social problems. This is to be accomplished by making election to the Society a high honor, by offering prizes for research, surveys and original thought, and by the publication of a national journal. This magazine, a quarterly publication known as "Social Science," appeared first in November, 1925. It publishes articles, book reviews, stories and poems contributed by members for the purpose of advancing the ideals for which the Society stands. Its special purpose is to vitalize and deepen social interest in young college students and graduates though it also has a popular appeal, since it aims to popularize scientific social conceptions.

The term social science is used in the widest sense to include all studies which contribute directly to the knowledge of society and to the solution of social problems. Hence students and teachers of sociology, anthropology, economics, commerce, business administration, law, political science, history, geography, ethics, religion, education, psychology, philosophy and biology are members.

The special aid and ideal of Pi Gamma Mu is the encouragement of the study of society and social problems by the scientific method and in the light of scientific truth, first on the part of young college men and women and then, through them, on the part of society as a whole. Its motto is: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The purpose is not to add appreciably to the list of so-called "student activities," which distract the student's attention from the main business of college life, but rather to reinforce and vitalize that work insofar as it relates to social studies.

Pi Gamma Mu has two sorts of members: chapter members, who are college seniors, juniors, alumni and instructors, men and women, who have attained to a high degree of scholarship and have distinguished themselves in the study of social science; and second, members-at-large, who are teachers of social science in recognized colleges and universities and active social workers. There are no honorary members. All are expected to contribute actively, to the extent of their time and energy, to the advancement of the cause for which Pi Gamma Mu stands.

Both classes become members upon the same terms and conditions. No one is elected upon his own application. The candidate's name must be proposed by a chapter or national officer. His qualifications are then passed upon, and if they are approved he is then invited to become a member. This he does by signing an enrollment card and paying his national initiation fee of five dollars. This fee, in effect, constitutes a life-membership fee, as there are no annual dues or further fees of any sort. Upon payment of this fee, the candidate is formally elected to Pi Gamma Mu and is henceforth entitled to all of the privileges thereof, including that of buying and wearing the official key of the order.

Pi Gamma Mu is a non-profit seeking Society. None of the national officers receive any remuneration of any sort for the services they render, and several of them have spent and are spending much valuable time that if used otherwise would bring large financial return. The surplus funds of the Society are invested in United States Registered Bonds and are to be used in building up a permanent endowment fund to be used for the advancement of scientific social science. By careful economy and conservative management the Society already has saved and invested \$4,000 in this manner and yet has been able to build up in less than two years an active membership of nearly twenty-five hundred members and publish a quarterly magazine that is already attracting wide attention and favorable comment.

Annual prizes are offered for individual research upon the part of undergraduate and faculty members and for social surveys upon the part of chapters. Announcement of these prizes appear from time to time in "Social Science."

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Dear Professor Buck:

Replying to your letter of January 24, I wish to say that I am sorry to learn that you did not receive a copy of Social Science. I take great pleasure in sending you copies of the last two numbers.

If you are interested in our program, I shall be glad to have you accept membership-at-large. The life membership fee of five dollars is the total cost unless you subscribe for the magazine, which members get for one dollar.

Professor M. C. Elmer formerly of the University of Minnesota, now Head of the department of Social Science in the University of Pittsburgh is one of our members. We have members in the faculties of practically all of the good institutions in the United States.

No member is expected to do more than he finds time for, each one making some contribution of service according to his ability, inclination and time. In this way, the movement goes forward. I believe you will find it worthy.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Professor Buck:

At the suggestion of Professor Alfred James we are sending you today under separate cover a copy of Radio Publication No. 34, containing the series of eleven talks which Professor James gave from this Studio last fall on the general subject of RECENT IDEAS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF AMERICAN HISTORY. The bill for this booklet is herewith inclosed.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your interest in this publication, I am

Very truly yours,

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