

Ragged Edges

BY PAT GILLIGAN.

Signs of spring are all around us for sure. Evidence—Pin-hanging and candy-passings. It takes the warm and balmy breezes and the birds and the flowers to make a young man weaken. Sig Ep Dean Messman lost no time in bestowing his newly acquired active pin on the girl of his dreams, Tri Delt Jan Horne. No wonder she's walking on air!

The Chi O's were hostesses Monday to the Phi Delt's when Shirley Crosby and Bob Creutz did the honors with candy and cigars. Alpha Chis also had sweets from Sister Betty Svoboda to introduce her new diamond from Bill Parmenter, which she kept well hidden on a string around her neck until the occasion.

KAT Billie Trombla started out the year dating an ATO but when he left for the service brother Bill Lehr took over and now it is a steady deal.

What Next?

Who were the strange looking characters that got into the Union Monday nite???? It seems that the Alpha Chis, for lack of something to wear, borrowed the overcoats of some of the Sig Chis. Times are tough you know.

On the campus by the grace of Uncle Sam were Dick Cole, DU, Bill Edgecomb, ATO—Mickey Allen to see Barb Emerson, Alpha Chi—Ensign "Duggie" Doyle—Bill Albright.

Kay Reese, KAT, found out how critical the transportation really is Friday nite when her date, Benny Munson, who was to arrive early in the evening didn't get in until 1:30 a. m.

They're Off to Omaha.

Off to Omaha this weekend are Betas Harold Helgerson, Bob Schulte, and Gene Rainey and Alpha Phis Donnie Peterson, Jean Koleszar and "Blackie" Blanchard.

Chi O Midge Sinclair got quite a present via the mails the other day—to be specific, a diamond from her man overseas. Too bad the postman can't be more generous with such presents.

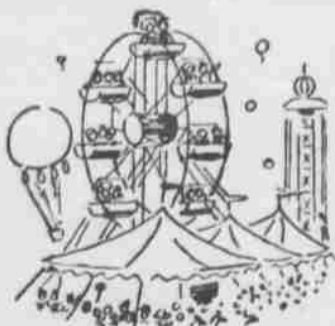
Congratulations to the Alpha Xi Delt's on their new pledge, Ruth Ann Rogers, whom we hear is quite a beauty. Better look into this, boys.

"Ten Days with Baby" was the theme song of Ensign Allen Dunlap and the girl in question was Fiance, AOPH Phyllis Davidson. Two other sisters, Bette Tobin and Mary Lou Bohner, have been helping make the leaves of Pfc. Doug Johansen, former UN student, and Bill Phillipsen more pleasant.

"Admiral" Tangeman convoyed a fleet of eight Gamma Phis out to dinner Sunday evening. What were you trying to smooth over, Tange???

Friday nite brings up the Sig Ep Blue party and we are eagerly waiting—on pins and needles—to see who the lucky girls will be.

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Lt. R. H. Bradley Credits Flak Suit With Saving Life

Second Lt. Ralph H. Bradley, former university student, credits a flak suit thoughtfully placed beneath him in his nose compartment in the B-17 Flying Fortress "Lil' Kitty" with possibly saving his life.

Lt. Bradley, who left in his first year at the university, is a 20-year-old Omaha bombardier now stationed somewhere in England. He was recently awarded the Air Medal.

"We were just a few minutes from Merseburg," said Lt. Bradley, whose "exceptionally meritorious achievement" in more than a dozen missions won him the medal, "when heavy flak was thrown up at us—knocking out one engine and tearing big gaping holes in our Fortress."

"A burst caught us right under the nose of our Fortress and chunks of flak, white-hot, went flying through the air. Several of them hit the extra flak suit I was sitting on, and made big dents in the suit, which is made of the toughest steel. We had to turn back from our target, which was supposed to be the synthetic oil works at Merseburg, but we picked out another objective to drop our bombs on before we limped back to our base."

Flying with the 100th bombardment group, a unit of the Eighth Air Force's Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the president for the England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Regensburg Messerschmitt plants, Lt. Bradley has also dropped bombs on more than a dozen other targets.

Jet Idea, 1,944 Years Old

The "new" principle of jet propulsion dates back to the beginning of the Christian era. To be exact, the mechanical idea of it is 1,944 years old. The first demonstration of jet reaction was Hero's aeolipile—a hollow sphere caused to spin by steam escaping from two jets.

Peace Conference Previews

BY PROFESSOR C. NELSON.

Once more, as after World war I, there is a demand for reparations. The Germans must be punished, must be made to pay for the property destroyed by bombs, for the devastation of battlefields, for property confiscated in vanquished countries. Russia, loudest in its demands, have even advanced a figure—\$800 billion—as the total claim of the United Nations.

Are we about to repeat the mistakes of Versailles and the various reparations plans following?

Fundamentally, reparations would mean the transfer of goods or services from Germany to the United Nations with no payment in return. This is extremely difficult to effect. In 1919 and 1920, when Germany delivered coal to France, as reparations, the French coal producers protested. Shall we propose that Germany ship beet sugar to Nebraska in payment of reparations?

Postwar (World war I) history shows clearly the failure of various attempts to force payment of reparations. In 1921 German reparations were made payable in gold marks, but Germany had—and has now—only a small stock of gold. Plans to pay in goods failed because the rest of the world did not want goods; they were producer minded and not consumer minded. Indeed, almost every country imposed barriers on incoming goods. We, too, raised our tariff in 1922 and in 1930.

Germany therefore could not pay the required amounts, and so American investors loaned money to Germany—not to pay reparations, true, but none the less the loans were used for that purpose. Is this to happen again? Are we willing to have the United Nations levy reparations on Germany—to be paid by us in the form of loans to Germany which will never be repaid?

It is true that reparations can be paid—but only in relatively small amounts, and by the fol-

lowing methods.

1. Transfer of German objets d'art, jewelry, libraries, rare manuscripts — of insignificant value.

2. Use of German labor in reconstruction of war-torn countries—to be fed and clothed by Germany. Russia wants this labor.

3. Transfer of German military equipment to the victors—who will undoubtedly have a surplus after the war.

4. Transfer of German industrial equipment. If Germany is to be allowed no "heavy" industries (steel, chemicals, etc.) this would permit relatively large payments.

5. Transfer of such microscopic amounts of gold and foreign investments that may still be in German hands.

6. An annual transfer of goods from Germany to those nations willing to receive them. Russia could accept these because of her state controlled economic system. Britain, because it desires to import more goods than it is able to pay for, is another possibility.

Gold payments ONLY if the

Feature UN Questionnaire

The February edition of Civil Engineering, official publication of the American Society of Civil Engineers, featured an article, "Need for Broad Training Indicated by University of Nebraska Questionnaire," by Prof. Roy M. Green, assistant dean of the college of engineering. The article, based on a survey of men engaged in highly diversified fields of civil engineering, explains in detail, how a broad general education is a valuable part of the training for an engineer.

United Nations lower tariffs and adopt other policies allowing free movement of international trade, and eliminating all monopolies. This will not be done.

The total amount from all these possible reparations payments is unknown, but it is small. Compared with \$800 billion (ten times the prewar annual production of goods and services in the United States and 27 times that in Germany) it is exceedingly small. Furthermore, collection of any reparations from a democratic government over any long period of time is virtually impossible.

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