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S. DUVAL MARTIN (*Richmond*) of Lynchburg has been appointed by Virginia's governor as judge of the corporation court of Lynchburg, the general assembly confirming the appointment. He took his law degree at Virginia in 1909 and served, from 1916 to 1922, as police justice and judge of Lynchburg's juvenile and domestic relations court.

ROY ST. LEWIS (*Oklahoma*), former Oklahoma district attorney and assistant U. S. attorney general, now G.M. of Kappa Sigma's Washington alumni chapter and member of our Legal Commission, has been installed as commander of the National Press Club post of the American Legion at Washington. He was an infantryman in the last war.

THE U.S.O. in Los Angeles is headed by TRUMAN JOHNSON (*Occidental*) of Pasadena. He served with the Red Cross in France during World War I, was in China for nine years as a banker in Shanghai and other cities and returned to the U. S. in 1935. He headed the U.S.O. at Needles, Ariz., while the army was on maneuvers in the desert.

WHEN SELECTED Investments company and E. H. Rollins & Sons, both of Chicago, consolidated in September, MILTON COULTER (*Chicago*) of Selected Investments continued active in the new company, while also remaining as vice president and director of Security Supervisors, statistical advisor to both companies.

ABOARD the Swedish liner Gripsholm when it brought American evacuated American prisoners back from Japan, in addition to those already reported, was WALT FRESE (*Iowa*), the first half of last year he was held in Stanley prison at Hong Kong. He is now in the treasury department at Washington, D. C.

U.S.C. BASKETBALL is coached by ERNIE HOLBROOK (*Southern California*), former Trojan star player. He had been coaching at Washington high school, Los Angeles, for five years. Brother Holbrook scored the final basket that won the Coast conference championship from Oregon State in 1935.



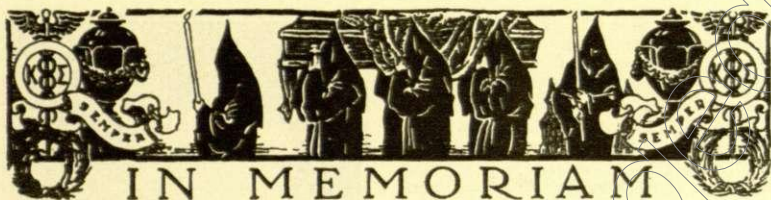
John McNeil (*Wisconsin '17*), general manager of WJZ, key station of the radio Blue network, is a past G.M. of Beta-Epsilon chapter and a World war I army captain. He joined the NBC sales department in 1936. He and Mrs. McNeil live at 320 Park avenue, New York.

DARRELL H. SMITH, listed in a recent CADUCEUS as a graduate of *George Washington*, was a 1911 *Pennsylvania* graduate. As they are both good schools, at each of which Kappa Sigma has a chapter to be proud of, Brother Smith is denied any claim for damages.

McHENRY TICHENOR (*Kentucky*) owns and manages a new radio station, KGBS, and between broadcasts, manages the Valley Baptist hospital, both at Harlingen, Texas.

Major James P. Cole, professor of Mathematics at Louisiana State university, is Louisiana state commander of the American Legion.

THE REV. STANLEY P. GASEK (*Hobart '39*) is the new rector of St. John's church at Cape Vincent, N. Y.



THOMAS LeBEAU FEKETE

Tom Fekete died Thursday evening, November 26, 1942. He had spent a happy Thanksgiving and was playing cards in his home, 1512 Summit avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., when he suffered a heart attack and within 30 minutes the end had come.

His funeral in East St. Louis, Sunday afternoon, November 29, was attended by a large group of friends. The Rev. Harold L. Reader, Baptist minister of Webster Groves, Mo., a friend from boyhood, conducted the religious services which were followed by the Masonic ceremonies of the East St. Louis Lodge No. 504. Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery. Several Masonic bodies were represented and the East St. Louis Bar association membership was present.

Descended from Dr. Alexander Fekete, who fought with Louis Kossuth to free Hungary from Hapsburg tyranny and who fled to America after the uprising of 1848 failed, Brother Fekete was the son of Thomas Louis Fekete, once postmaster of East St. Louis; his mother was Charlotte LeBeau Fekete.

Thomas was born in East St. Louis July 1, 1882, where he attended the public schools. He received the degree of LL.B. from the University of Michigan in 1904 and was licensed to practice law in Michigan, Illinois and Missouri.

In 1905 he began his public career, first in service to the City of East St. Louis as assistant supervisor, then as chief supervisor and chairman of the board; city attorney, assistant corporation





counsel, then city attorney again until 1917, when he resigned to enlist in the first World war. He helped organize the Third field artillery, national guard, which became a federal unit (the 124th field artillery). Enlisted as a private, he came out a major and was lieutenant colonel in the judge advocate reserves at the time of his death. He was in France from May, 1918, until August, 1919; was in the St. Mihiel and Argonne drives, and was decorated by the French government.

In 1923 he was elected to the Illinois house of representatives, serving until 1928.

He had been commander of the American Legion 124th Field Artillery Post, No. 53, and Chef de Guerre of Voiture No. 30 of the "40 and 8" society of St. Louis. He also had been president of the East St. Louis Bar association and its secretary at the time of his death.

Brother Fekete was active in both Masonic rites. He had filled the highest offices in the York Rite bodies of his city, serving as commander of the Knights Templar, East St. Louis Commandery No. 31; and had held similar positions in the Scottish Rite, receiving the 33d degree (honorary). As a Shriner, he had served as Potentate of Ainad Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was, also a National Sojourner.

Alpha-Zeta chapter (Michigan) initiated him May 11, 1903. It was a good day for Tom Fekete; it was a good day for Kappa Sigma. He proved worthy in every relationship and Kappa Sigma rightly appraised his quality. He was Grand Master of the St. Louis alumni chapter, District Grand Master of the Missouri and Kansas district, and he was National Alumni Secretary from 1923 to 1927. No recollections of Tom's active life would be complete without mention of the incident in which he, as city attorney in 1917, electrified the country with a display of courage that saved the lives of a group of Negroes. One of the worst race riots in history was in progress when Fekete, single-handed and unarmed, challenged a mob and forced the release of their victims. Asked afterward how he had done it he said that it was "only by the sheer force of profanity".

June 28, 1909, he married Miss Grace Ford, daughter of the late Judge Thomas Ford of Carlyle, Ill. Mrs. Fekete attended several conclaves and many of the fraternity's lesser functions and is well-known and lovingly esteemed by a wide circle of Kappa Sigmas. She survives with their two children, Thomas Ford Fekete and Mrs. Charlotte Plaisance, and two sisters, Mrs.

Ophelia F. Rogers and Mrs. Josephine F. Daniels, and two brothers, Robert A. and George E. Fekete.

Tom Fekete had nothing in common with anything little or mean. His patriotism was of a high order; his professional life was unblemished. In all the circles in which he moved, high esteem and genuine fellowship came unchecked; and, in his home, he was a loving husband and father.

### WILLIAM R. EATON

"Billy" Eaton (Denver '09), National Alumni Secretary of Kappa Sigma from 1913 to 1919 and former Republican member of congress from Colorado, died on his 65th birthday, December 17, 1942, in Mercy hospital, Denver, of complications developing after an operation 10 days earlier.

At each of the 10 biennial grand conclaves he had attended, from 1908 through 1921, in '25, '29, '37 and in 1941 at French Lick, Ind., he had endeared himself to his brothers not only by his jovial friendliness but also by his leadership in active work for the organization and usefulness of Kappa Sigma's large alumni membership. His companionship, and his untiring efforts for the fraternity, will be missed whenever the brothers gather again.

William Robb Eaton was born in Canada, but lived in Colorado 61 years, where he was educated in the public schools and graduated with a law degree from Denver university.

In his early youth he was employed in a Denver bank and also in the mercantile business.

Although an ardent Republican and active in his party's politics, he did not hold public office until 1914 when he began the first of two terms in the Colorado senate. He served until 1918. He was re-elected in 1922 and held office from 1923 to 1927. He also was a deputy district attorney for four years. In the fall of 1928, he was



elected from Denver to the 71st congress and he was re-elected in 1930 but was defeated for a third term in the New Deal landslide of 1932.

As a congressman, Brother Eaton fought for the enlargement of Fitzsimons General hospital and for its establishment as a permanent military institution. He advocated an increased coinage of silver and the substitution of silver dollars for \$1 currency. He championed more extensive use of the public domain for livestock grazing and fought for the establishment of nominal grazing fees. He opposed the repeal of prohibition, a slash in federal salaries

