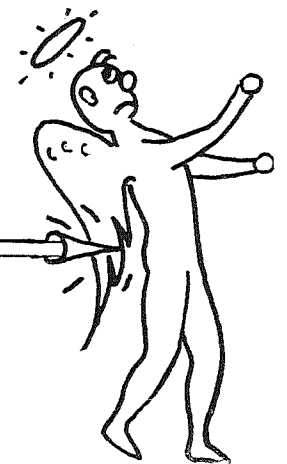


# SPEAR



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## Field Secretary Stresses Grades; House Courtesy

The Colorado Gamma chapter received their semi-annual visit from the field secretary, representing the Grand Chapter, on February 14-17. This visit was made by Carl O. Peterson, "Pete" whose main purpose was that of the 1949-50 Grand Chapter to further better scholarship among the active chapters.

During his visit a meeting was called in which "Pete" stressed the importance of scholarship and courtesy in the house. As a result of his speech we now have a study table from 7:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M., required for all pledges immediately and next quarter for all actives who will have less than a two point in this quarter. There were more rules pertaining to pledging and pledges which are too numerous to mention.

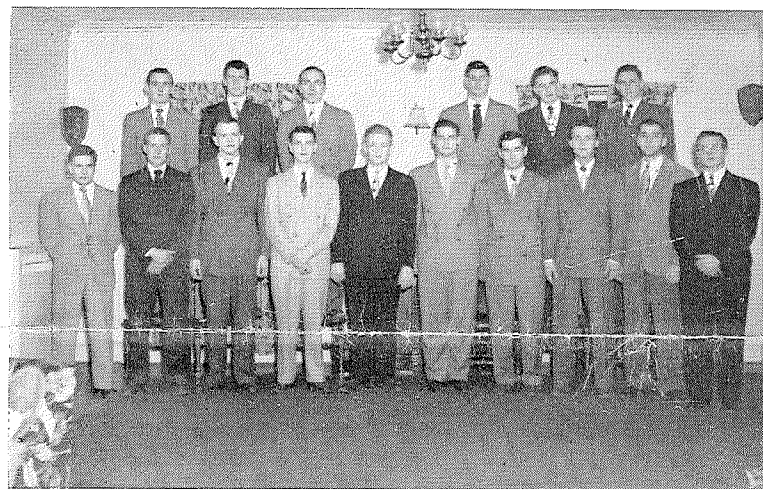
His visit was inspiring both personally and to the active chapter as a whole. There is much to be gained from a man who has had as much experience in fraternity work as "Pete" has had in this field. The chapter realizes the value of these visits and is looking forward to the next one. In the meantime, we will endeavor to make good use of the information he gave us and keep the fraternity in high standing both nationally and among other fraternities on the campus.

## Study Table Now

After an inspiring speech by Field-Secretary, Carl Peterson, the active chapter of Colorado Gamma proceeded to amend the chapter By-Laws by passing rules and regulations to improve study habits and scholarship in the fraternity. The new rules went into

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## Seventeen Men Activated Followed by Big Breakfast



Initiation for seventeen new members was held on January 15, starting at one o'clock in the morning, with the grand finale, a big all-active breakfast. Ceremonies were held in the wee hours to eliminate all other conflicts such as jobs and social obligations. The early hour also added to the solemnity of the occasion. Breakfast was followed by a somewhat im-

promptu serenade at the Tri-Delt house just across the street. The serenade evidently went over with a big bang for most of the Tri-Delts remarked on the excellence of the harmony even at that early hour.

Due to a mistake in correspondence, Grand Vice-president Dr. Wm. Smolenske arrived at one Sunday afternoon and was greeted with probably the most quiet Sig Ep house this campus has ever seen.

The pledge class did not do too well in their grades, but there were seventeen who emerged from first quarter with the 2.0 required average or better, and were initiated.

Bill Anderson, from Clinton, Okla., was president of the class and did a bang-up job overseeing one of the best return pledge dances given.

John Bowles comes from Keenes-

burg, is very active in campus politics, is president of Ramblers and a member of Lancers, Soph. Honorary.

Bob Buehler from Hinsdale, Ill., is majoring in Arts and Science, and women. Anyone need a date?

Dan Courtney is from the wide open spaces, Veteran, Wyoming. He seems to have gotten a cute little bundle of joy in no time at all, goin' steady now.

Bill Dunn, an Animal Husbandry major hails from La Junta and is going to take up farming after graduation.

Max Goracke is one of the three Greeley boys that went active. Max is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Ken Hansen, from Brush and majoring in Ag, will tell you over a beer how to make your grades

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## Bridge Party Held By Mother's Club

On Friday night, February 10, the Sig Ep Mother's club held their annual benefit Bridge party at the chapter house. Tickets went on sale one week prior to this time, at 50 cents per person, or two dollars a table. Tickets for forty tables were sold, but due to the flu epidemic, or some other such reason, several of the tables remained empty throughout the evening.

This year, the new game Canasta was encouraged, and many of the guests were found playing this game instead of bridge. After playing several hands, entertainment was provided by the actives and pledges. First on the program was Bill Pugh, a pledge, singing "Bluebird on the Window Sill," and he was encored back for a second. Dwayne Vande Stouwe sang "Father Put the Cow Away", and made quite a hit. He was accompanied at the piano by Walt Scott. To wind up the entertainment, John Randle, sang several songs, with self accompaniment on his "Uke."

Refreshments, consisting of coffee and cookies were served by the Mother's club. Toward the end of the evening, a drawing was held for two cakes, tickets going at two for 25 cents. Mrs. E. L. Nye and Mrs. Harry Hughes did an excellent job of selling the tickets, as the cakes brought in a total of \$33.00 The drawing was done by Dr. William C. Smolenske, Sig Ep Grand Vice-president, who was a guest from Denver.

All in all, the party was a big success, due to the able leadership of Mrs. William E. Meakins and "Mom" Hargreaves. The total profit stood at \$100.00 clear.

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## The SPEar

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## EDITORIAL

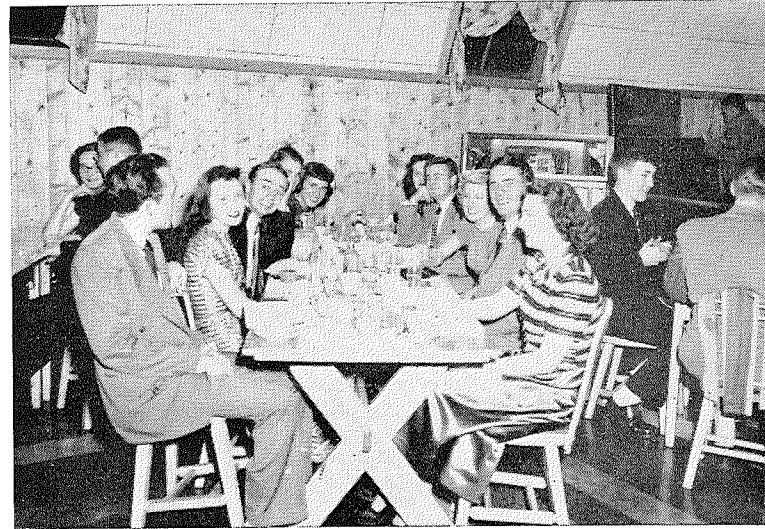
Tuesday evening, February 21, five Colorado Gammans traveled to Denver and a state Sig Ep alum banquet at the Albany Hotel. Grand Secretary Bill Hindman, Grand Vice-President Wm. Smolenske and Traveling-Secretary Carl Peterson were present for the gathering as well as representatives from all four Colorado active chapters. Bill Hindman gave the main address in which he told of the progress Sig Ep is making in various projects.

The directory, that National has long promised, will be off the presses Feb. 28. The book will contain a listing of all Sigma Phi Epsilon members up to and including last year, all 34,000 of 'em, according to geographical location, alphabetically and as to chapters. They're available from National for a buck apiece.

The one hundredth chapter was installed Feb. 25, at the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City with Vic Stuckenschneider, formerly from our chapter, as one of the charter members. Congratulations to you Vic, and all of the others there at the new Utah chapter.

We had fairly good results with our alums returning the ALUM DIRECTORY CARDS from the last issue of the SPEar, but there are still quite a few that we haven't heard from. Maybe you alums just forgot it or put it off, anyway we have again printed a directory card and if you haven't done so please clip it, fill it out, and mail it to us here at 121 East Lake.

Thanks to Jo Jensen, Larry Ramsay, Bill Kennedy, Glenn Jones, Hal Schwalm, William Yetter Jr., C. M. Tompkins, and Steve Bennett for your letters. And thanks for all your suggestions.



## Pledge Dance Successful; Music by Hoagy Harper

The wheels of the Covered Wagon (Ladd's, that is) spun around and around Friday night, January 27th., when the pledges treated the actives to a Return Pledge Dinner and Dance. Everyone enjoyed the steaks and the music of Hoagy Harper's orchestra.

Over 200 people were present, including old grads, young members, and representatives of other chapters. Joe Phelps and Al McNamee entertained everyone with their version of "She Laid in Her Hammock".

Many stories were told after the dance when the boys got back to the house. Among them was the one about John Bowle's desire to dance (liked the orchestra, I guess).

A hearty thanks is extended to all members of the pledge class for the wonderful evening.

## Sig Eps Place Two On Judging Team

Sigma Phi Epsilon is fortunate in having two of its members on this year's Junior Livestock Judging Team. Blach and Hartman were selected by Coach Tom Blackburn to represent Colorado A&M College at the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show held recently in Ft. Worth. It has been several years since any Sig Eps have held this honor. The expenses were paid by the Livestock Club and the trip was made via the College station wagon. The boys have gained much experience this year and will be competing with many agricultural students for the Senior team next year.

## First Prize Won By Greeley Man

Sunday, February 5, 1950 ended the contest sponsored by the pledge class to raise funds for their return pledge dance. Winners who received prizes including a portable radio, electric clock, and pen and pencil set were announced at dinner. They were awarded to Jim Summner, of Greeley; L. A. Chandler, Fort Collins; and La Rae Maxwell of Fort Collins, respectively.

With some help from the active chapter, the pledge class, through the contest, raised sufficient funds for an outstanding dinner dance held at Ladd's Covered Wagon, January 27. One-hundred and fifty couples attended and were presented with miniature paddles for dance bids. The evening was topped with the talented singing of an original composition by Al McNamee and Joe Phelps.

## —Study Table effect immediately.

The first quarter that a man is a pledge he is on the study table and both pledges and actives will be at the study table if averages for the preceeding quarter are below two point zero. The scholarship committee is in charge of imposing fines, accepting excuses and in general control of the plan. The committee is composed of the president, vice-president, pledge trainer and scholarship chairman.

**FLOWER DANCE  
MAY 27**

## Five New Pledges Winter Quarter

At the beginning of the winter quarter five new pledges were taken into the chapter with four men from previous pledge classes being repledged. The new men were Robert Danmeyer, a Sophomore Civil Engineering transfer from Southport, Connecticut; Eugene Getchell, a sophomore Sociology major from Colorado Springs; Tom Keach, a Junior in P. E. from Pueblo, Colorado; William Pugh, a Freshman Arts and Science major from Holly, Colorado; and Harry Vande Stouwe, a Freshman Forestry student from Hull Iowa.

The men repledged are George Beatty, Sophomore Economics major from Fort Collins, Colorado; Dale Dodrill, a Junior Vocational agriculture student from Englewood, Colorado; Norman Klements, a Junior P. E. major whose home is in Silverton, Colorado; and Jack Saunders, a Junior Mechanical Engineering student who hails from Denver, Colorado.

The membership of the pledge class now stands at twenty-one after seventeen were activated and nine more have taken the oath as pledges.

Under the guidance of the new officers, Marvin Chubb, president; Scott Billington vice-president; Norman Kements, secretary; Dick Lowe, corresponding secretary and the pledge trainers, Elmer Dyekman, Bill McBride and George Mock the winter quarter pledge class is rapidly progressing.

The pledges are showing a great deal of interest and appreciation in the house and are striving to make not only the Sig Ep pledge class, but the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity the best on the campus.

## Elections Held

This quarter we were sorry to hear that our current secretary Stan Gray would be unable to return to school. We therefore had an election and Marvin Willhite was elected to follow in Stan's footsteps. Marvin had formerly held the position of social chairman and in this capacity had done a fine job. We are confident that Marv will do as good a job in his new position. Bill Anderson, a new active, was chosen to take over Marvin's job as social chairman and so far has done very well.

## Street Sez

by GORDON STREET

This second issue of the SPEar shows that we do have the "stuff" to make a fine newspaper. We certainly had wonderful response from the last issue. We want to thank those alumni, who did take the time to fill out the alumni directory cards and send them back and also the nice letters that we have received in respect to our first issue. However, we again want to send out a plea to those alumni who have not answered our last plea. The process of forming a good alumni list, which has not been kept up for thirty years, is indeed a problem, without the support of the alumni themselves. So again I want to stress to those alumni, who are receiving this paper, to please send in the directory card, so we can complete our alumni listing. It won't be too long before the mortgage is paid off on this house, and I'm sure that most of you want to come back for the celebration which will naturally take place, therefore it is of utmost importance that these directory cards be filled in and sent back for our files.

As we proceed with each issue, we hope to include more and more alumni news in the paper, which will be of interest to all of you. We plan to include sketches of doings among the alumni who have been gone from this chapter many years, but we will need your help, which brings us back to the main issue at hand: **REMEMBER TO SEND IN THE DIRECTORY CARDS.**

A great deal of water has passed under the bridge since our last issue, the project of changing the dorm into two rooms is nearly (Continued on Page 4)

# Binkley Elected Alumni President; Grand V. P. Smolenske Gives Speech

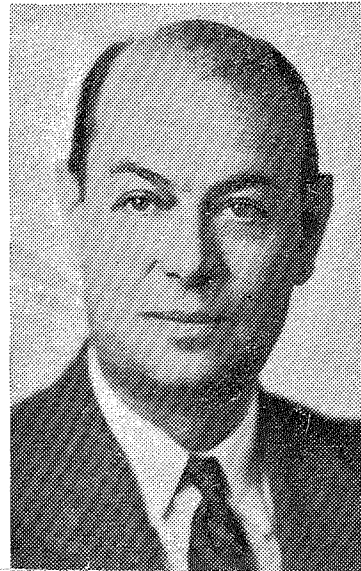
Following an Active-Alumni dinner on the 17th of January, the election of officers was held during the monthly meeting of the alumni in the chapter room. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. William C. Smolenske, District Governor, and Grand Vice President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, who gave an interesting talk on "Active-Alumni Relations." Mr. Binkley was elected president and it was decided that the rest of the officers would remain in office until the next official election; they are, Herb Heilig Vice President; "Jap" French, Secretary; and Glen Gausman, Treasurer.

Mr. Binkley was graduated from Colorado Aggies in 1922 and did graduate work at Iowa State and Cornell. After some time with a sugar company he came to Aggies to teach and has been here for 20 years; he is now head of the Horticulture Department. Mr. Binkley's nephew, Alyson, is a pledge in our fraternity.

Colonel Elwood L. Nye, the president for the past three years when the Alumni Chapter was officially started, is one of the charter members of the Alumni Chapter. Col. Nye was graduated from Aggies in 1914 with a DVM Degree and has been an Associate Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology here since his retirement from the Army in April of 1946. His brother, William C. Nye, was also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and on the championship football team here in 1915 and again in 1919. He was graduated from Aggies in 1920 with a DVM Degree after serving in World War I.

The Alumni Chapter has done a great deal in the past few years to reduce the debt on the chapter house and to keep up the general repairs and maintainance on the house.

## HERB HEILIG



In this issue we honor one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's outstanding alums in presenting to you a man with the knowledge of good fraternity organization, Mr. Herb Heilig.

We can only hit upon a few of the constructive accomplishments which Uncle Herb has done in his thirty-one years as a Sig Ep.

In 1919 he became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and shortly thereafter held office in his chapter as President. A very proud member of Wisconsin Alpha, which has been on top scholastically 23 out of 25 years, he became a very active alumni member, leading this

## Those Who Wear The Golden Heart

The love life of the Sig Eps carried on steadily, and was accelerated slightly during the past Christmas vacation. Those who participated in passing cigars, immediately following the announcement of their pinnings are:

Floyd Oliver pinned to Shirley Rush, and Mel Johnson pinned to Cheri Pennock.

Some of our brothers took even more drastic steps on the trail of love when they announced their engagements. They are:

Frank Betts engaged to Kathy Thebus, and Dick Farrell to Carol Sheely.

Then there are those who jump from the top spring board into the deepest water. These men, while shaking, knees knocking, and in a state of extreme shock, exchanged "I do's" with the "sweet little thing" as the bells tolled their fate to the world.

Congratulations to:

Lloyd Lutz and Marge Dickson, married at Aspen, Colo., now living at Dodge City, Kansas.

George Whitehead and Greta Lou Treffison who were married at the Delta Delta Delta house in Fort Collins. They are now living in Denver.

And last but not least, we wish to show our appreciation to the former Miss Elizabeth Brua for taking one Frank Munroe off our hands. They were married at Hollidaysburg, Pa., and are now living in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

These three couples were all married on the 29th of Dec. and to them we say "BEST OF LUCK!"

To all these, we bid fond farewell from the ranks of madly scrambling men of the "Woman Shy Aggie Campus."

group for the 15 years following.

During the war years he was Grand Secretary, and visited every chapter, meeting over half of the 25,000 Sig Eps at that time. His knowledge of these chapters and his great work in the vocational field verify his beliefs that a strong chapter, schoolastically, socially, with plenty of drive, and selective pledging, results in the top chapters in the country.

Uncle Herb is now head of the Department of Vocational Guidance at Colorado A&M, and is happily married, with two daughters. His outlook for Colorado Gamma is a friendly one with the hope that they may become one of the best chapters in the country.

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## —Prexy's Column

completed and we should have two more nice rooms by the end of this quarter. We plan to have the chapter room redecoration finished by the end of this quarter, and I sincerely hope that our new radio will be here by that time also. Future plans call for a new living-room carpet, and redecorating the downstairs, and refinishing the upstairs, which will call for new desks, beds and dressers.

As far as interest and active support of the chapter is concerned, we are not lacking in that respect. I admit that we could improve on scholarship, and some other points but in general we have shown some improvement in the past year.

We have not taken as many trophies as we might have, but we do have the material, and I'm sure that we shall do more as time progresses.

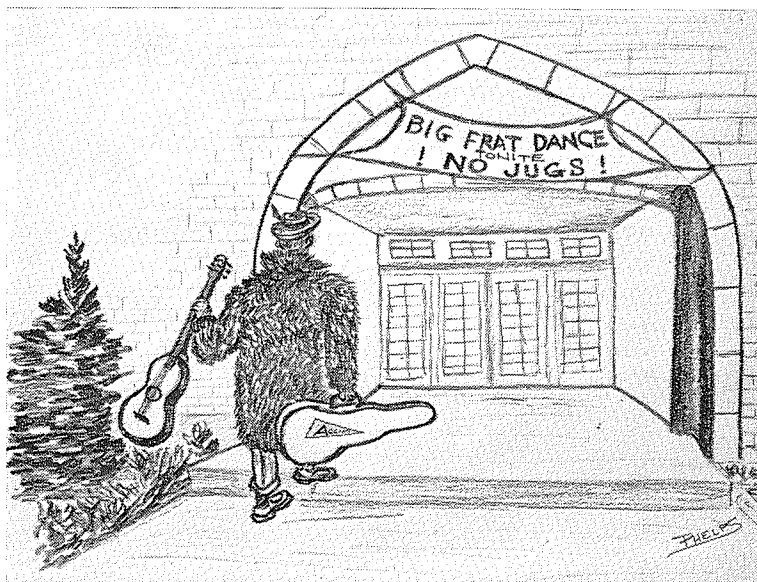
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Nye, on behalf of the active chapter and myself for the wonderful job he has done as Alumni Board President, in which capacity he has served for the past three years. I am sure that Mr. Binkley, who has recently been elected to fill that office will do as well, and I sincerely hope Col. Nye will not lose interest in the chapter, as he has been a boon to our progress.

This issue of the paper, will be the last for which I will write the president's column, and therefore with this issue, I want to thank Gene Miller and his staff for the work they have put out in the interest of this paper. I also want to thank our alumni for their support and I sincerely hope that we may all enjoy the SPEar for many future years.

Street

## Housing Given for European D P

The Sig Ep chapter has donated board and room for one school year for a displaced person who is to be brought to the A&M campus next year. Two of Europe's D. P's. are to be brought here next year under the sponsorship of the National Students Association and several organizations have donated various things toward their support. Three other frats have donated one quarter's living each and one Fort Collins family has signified they will keep a D. P. for a school year.



## Sig Ep's Head for Playoffs

At the present time, SPE is in a tie for second position with the Sig Alph's in the basketball go-around. Theta Chi is the only frat we have lost to, but if the SAE's can knock them off in their next game, it will put us in a three way tie for first place. If this happens, there will be a play off of the three frats for champ in our bracket.

The Sig Ep's started out the basketball season by winning over Lambda Chi on Jan. 10 and repeating again on the 17th, when we defeated Farmhouse 30-13. Next on the list was the Phi Delt game which we also won. Theta Chi beat us Feb. 7, to put us from 1st to 2nd place. The big game of the quarter came when we defeated the Alphas' 34-23 on Feb. 14. The last game of the season was with TKE on Feb. 21. Quarterfinals and semifinals will be held Mar. 1st and 7th respectively. Campus champ playoff will be held March 9.

SPE hardwood players are: 1st string; Dale Dodrill, Don Hoch, Harold Chaffee, Bob Hainlen and Elmer Dyekman.

2nd string: Fred Jones, Gene McMurtry, Kenny Juergens, Dwayne Vande Stouwe, Bill Pugh, Gordon Riddell, Ned Norris, Marvin Swanson, Dave Gates, Paul McDill, Dick Lowe, Jerry Hinkley, Geo. Mock, Chuch Flutcherand Gene Gingery.

### SWIMMING

George Mock won the 450 yard free style event at the intramural swimming meet, February 22. Although the fraternity did not have a really good turn out, the team did what they could and came out of the contest with quite a few points to add to the frat's intramural record.

### BOWLING

The Sig Ep bowlers have done a fine job this quarter and as they near the end of the quarter, they only have one loss to mar their record. We have one scheduled meet left and that is with Tau Kappa Epsilon on Feb. 23. The bowlers will have to rebowl with Theta Chi because of a mix up in the scoring.

SPE lost their first meet with the Lambda Chi but won the second from the Farmhouse boys and third from the Phi Delt's. We surprised our biggest opponents on Jan. 31, when we handed Sigma Alpha Epsilon a defeat. The quarterfinals will be held Mar. 2, and the semifinals Mar. 6. A playoff with the Frat champ and Independent champs will take place March 8.

Sig Ep's who have been doing most of the bowling are: Dave Meyers, Craig Sandusky, Bob Hainlen, Russ Green, Rush Locke and Paul Alexander.

### SKIING

Within the last few years, skiing has become one of the best liked sports on the campus. Every week end hundreds of students race to

## —Seventeen Activated

if you have a couple of hours.

Fred Jones comes from Buhl, Idaho. Fred wants to enter the Veterinary school after this year of pre-vet.

Jack Lester, from Pueblo, is majoring in Animal Production. He's in solid at the Theta House.

Paul McDill is another Brush boy, he'll be top contender for a guard position on the varsity football team next year.

Darrell Messick is a hometown boy and very active in everything around the house. You can count on him to get things done.

Floyd Oliver, another Greeley boy is also majoring in Civil Engineering. He lost that Golden Heart already, Shirley has it.

Walt Scott, the Omaha boy, never seems to run out of talent, the piano, guitar, and a good voice are all at his command. As a pledge he led the Christmas serenade.

Bob Stoll is another Fort Collins lad, already had a Sig Ep for a brother. He's got the highest grade average and still has time for activities like the "Collegian."

Bob Wardlaw lives just outside Fort Collins, won the honorary Fire Chief title last year, but has more achievements than that to his credit.

Wayne Weaver from Colorado Springs is one of those quiet lads, but he's always cooking up something.

Al Weinhold from Evans Colorado is another one that always is trying to find a little excitement.

the hills to try their luck on the hickory slats. Studies are neglected, legs broken, and faces are burned to a beet red; but still the sport rates high. March 4, Sigma Phi Epsilon will enter a ski team, coached by Frank Betts, to race in the annual "Hidden Valley Mud Race." Two races, the downhill and the slalom, will be run for time. This is a good excuse for both actives and alums to spend a day in the mountains.

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