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PAST PRESIDENTS COME TO HOUSTON IN RECORD NUMBER

All indications point to a record attendance by the Past Presidents of PKD at the '71 Convention. At this writing it appears that thirteen of the eighteen living Past Presidents will be here at some time during the week.

Since PKD was founded in 1913 twenty-four individuals (23 men and 1 woman) have preceded President Short in that office. Seven are deceased: Nichols (1913-1918), MacArthur (1918-1922), Marsh (1922-1924), Westfall (1924-1928), McCarty (1934-1936), and Rose (1938-1940).

The Past Presidents (with dates of service) who are in attendance at Houston '71 are:

Alfred Veatch	(1928-1930)
S. R. Toussaint	(1936-1938)
W. V. O'Connell	(1940-1942)
Glenn Capp	(1942-resigned for military)
Sherod J. Collins	(1949-1951)
Roy D. Mahaffey	(1951-1953)
Theodore F. Nelson	(1955-1957)
Larry E. Norton	(1957-1959)
Harvey C. Cromwell	(1959-1961)
Raymoud C. Yeager	(1961-1963)
Roy D. Murphy	(1963-1965)
Georgia Bowman	(1965-1967)
Theodore O. H. Karl	(1967-1969)

The **living** Past Presidents unable to attend this convention are:

George R. R. Pflaum	(1930-1932)
H. Dana Hopkins	(1932-1934)
Martin J. Holcomb	(1942-1947)
Edward S. Betz	(1947-1949)
John Randolph	(1953-1955)

For S. R. Toussaint this meeting in Houston is an anniversary . . . for it was in this city in 1936 that he was elected to the presidency of PKD.

It can also be noted that two of the Past Presidents in attendance have also been involved with the heavy duties of Secretary-Treasurer of PKD, Toussaint (1948-1953) and Norton (1963 to date). And in two months, H. Francis Short will enter the exalted realm of the Past-Presidents of Pi Kappa Delta.

SYMPATHY TO EDITOR RAU

THE KEY staff, speaking for the '71 Convention, extends heartfelt sympathy to Gil Rau, editor of THE FORENSIC on the sudden death of his brother, Edwin Rau, on Wednesday.

We regret that our editor must leave the Convention early, and we send our sympathy to him and the family.

NEW DESTINATION FOR PKD

The HOUSTON POST, March 25th, in reporting on our convention indicated that PKD is "a professional public speaker's fraternity." We thank the POST for the professional status and hope it does not injure the usual amateur standing most of us enjoy. And we deny that any thought of "debate for pay" came to us.

STORMY WEATHER

A resolution submitted by a Pacific Lutheran delegation was among a host of resolutions and motions turned down by students during their late Wednesday night confab.

Printed in #3 of THE KEY, the resolution challenged current debate trends. The sole surviving resolution of the stormy session was one which called for a sweeping review of extemporaneous contest rules. Final student meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., Friday, on campus.

CONVENTION STATISTICS

A record 38 states are represented at the 27th biennial. There are 168 chapters present. Attendance is estimated at 900 -- including students and faculty.

SPEAKING OF PI KAP DEDICATION

Tom Schmalz, graduate student at the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana), flew down to the convention to serve as a judge for his alma mater, Montana State University.

CORRECTION

Student representative John Cliff reports that there were two resolutions passed during Stormy Weather (see page 2)

The second calls for two days of convention, then three days of competition at the 28 National. It does allow for a final business meeting on the fifth day as specified by the Constitution.