

ALPHA CHAPTER
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Mr. Luke M. Schruben
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Dear Mr. Schruben,

To day was the dead line for voting for the nomination of a member of the Alpha Chapter for the Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Council.

The voting was nip and tuck until the final date. The vote was 43 for Charles E. Potter and 34 for Robert B. Tootell. So our Nomination is for Charles E. Potter.

I am giving you what history we have of him.

He graduated with a B.S.A from the University of West Virginia. After 4 years in Extension work in West Virginia he came to Montana Assistant State Club Leader - April 1, 1917 - Sept. 1, 1920 Acting State Club Leader - Sept. 1, 1920 - March 31, 1935 U.S. Extension Service, Washington, D. C. - March 1935 until he retired 1954 Present address: 240 N. Phelps Ave., Winter Park, Fla., 32789

Charles Potter is a Charter Member of the Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi which organized in 1927. He and M. L. Wilson are the only two living Charter members.

He set the stage for 4-H Club work in the state of Montana and put it on a very sound basis. Most of the basic programs that he introduced are still in effect. He was an excellant administrator. Not only the assistants who worked directly under him but also all of the Extension Agents during his administration and all the 4-H members and leaders found him a stimulating and loyal Leader.

As evidence of his administrative ability, Mr. William A. Lloyd, at that time Supervision for the Western States, tried repeatedly to get him into the Washington office. After a number of years refusing, the offer was made so attractive that he could not afford to turn it down.

Before leaving us he wrote up a most comprehensive history of Club work from its inception until his date of leaving. This is largely incorporated in the Montana Extension History which is being written.

His is really an Extension family. He married Barbara Heidner who was the Home Demonstration Agent in Blaine County, Montana when he met her. They have two girls and a boy. All are married now and there a great many grand children.

This seems a very ~~meagre~~ report for all that Charles Potter has done for the Extension Service and Epsilon Sigma Phi. I wish I could quote from the


from the many letters received with members' votes for Charles nomination.

I am enclosing the copy of the letter covering the ballot which was sent out to absent members at the request of our Executive Committee. I do not remember whether I enclosed one with my last letter to you. I think we had an excellent response in 77 voting out of our total membership, especially when some of the votes came a long way. The last vote today was from Uganda, Africa.

I trust that this nomination for the Certificate of Recognition is not arriving too late to be counted.

I am bringing a copy of this letter along to Chicago, just in case you have left your office before my report arrives.

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harriette E. Cushman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Harriette E. Cushman

Secretary-Treasurer

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