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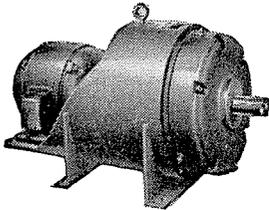
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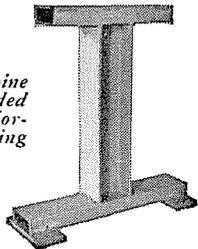
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PERSONALS

1920

Roscoe R. Rockafeld, living in West Allis, Wisconsin, is still with Allis-Chalmers as chief engineer in charge of the processing machinery department. His two sons are married and he has a grandson and a granddaughter. Roscoe advises all other alumni that Wisconsin is "a wonderful vacationland in summer for Californians."

Harry P. St. Clair was recently promoted to the position of "Planning and Operating Engineering Manager" for the American Gas & Electric Service Corporation in New York. Harry has been doing some interesting work with the development of some 1300 circuit miles of 330,000-volt transmission, part of which included the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation system. Harry's three children are grown now, and the oldest, named after his father, is employed in the same company—public relations dept. Son Sheldon is now in the Far East after graduating from the Army Language School, and daughter Dorothy recently made Harry a grandpa for the second time.

1921

Alfred J. Stamm, a specialist in wood chemistry, is working with the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. As a renowned specialist in this field, Al was recently asked to contribute two chapters to "Wood Chemistry," which is considered the bible of this particular field. Currently he is chairman of the Cellulose Division of the American Chemical Society. Al has four daughters and a son. Of the three in school, one is a junior in the University, one a junior in high school, and one in junior high. Al adds a prideful note—"How's that for scientific precision?"

1924

William C. Dreyer writes from Houston that he will have rounded out thirty years with Westinghouse this summer, and that he "seems to get busier all the time." This year Bill and his group are supervising the installation of over 800,000 kw in turbo-generators in Texas, in addition to the electrical equipment in numerous plants and mills.

V. A. Kalichevsky, consulting chemical engineer in the refining division of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., Beaumont, Texas, has been mighty busy doing some recent writing. The Italian translation of his book *From Oil Well to Engine* appeared in 1953, and his paper titled *Development of the New Dualayer Gasoline Treating Process* (co-author C. A. Duval) was announced in March at the Western Petroleum Refiner's Association Annual Meeting held at San Antonio, Texas. Another paper, *New Distillate Fuel Oil Treating Process* (co-authors C. A. Duval and R. T. Malin) was presented at the American Petroleum

Institute's mid-year meeting in Houston, Texas, last month.

Robert E. Foss moved to Tulsa last year, to continue working for the Sunray Oil Corp., as vice-president and manager of the production department. Bob, his wife and two boys, 14 and 13 years old, had previously lived in Los Angeles.

1925

William Aggeler, associate professor of French and chairman of the department of foreign languages at the University of California, Santa Barbara College, has translated and edited a new edition of Baudelaire's poetical work, "The Flowers of Evil." The book is the result of three years of work, begun during Dr. Aggeler's year of sabbatical leave in Paris, in 1951.

Dr. Aggeler majored in electrical engineering here at Caltech, and after graduation he continued in this field for five years. He then went to Paris and studied French literature, art and history at the Sorbonne, which convinced him that this was his real interest. He took his MA and PhD at UC in Berkeley.

1926

Robert C. Burt, PhD, and wife have taken off on an extended trip "down under"—Australia, the Barrier Reef, south to Tasmania, over to New Zealand, and south again to the shores of the Antarctic. Sounds like a trip that has just about everything, including exploring the Fiji Islands, and rambling around Australia in a new Australian-built General Motors car. If any envious classmates want to write, Bob's address—until February, 1955—will be c/o The American Consulate General, 7 Wynyard Street, Sydney, Australia.

1929

Charles A. Bosserman sends in a short note regarding his family. His oldest son is married and has just finished a two-year stretch as an Army MP. The second son is a physics-math major at St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wisconsin, and his daughter is a senior in high school. Last we heard, Charlie was still a test engineer at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

1930

Donald S. Barnes, MS, is currently serving a two year term in Rangoon, Burma, as technical adviser to the Prime Minister's Economic and Social Board, a Burmese cabinet group charged with responsibilities for action on various work projects.

Don, a former editor of *Civil Engineering* magazine, was ordered to duty with the Secretary of the Air Force shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, and he participated in special studies of Air Force installations in the United Kingdom. Later, as colonel, he served as Director of the Ground Defense for the 3rd Air Force, and Director of Security, 7th Air Division.

1931

John R. McMillan has been elected President of the Fullerton Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has been with Fullerton since 1943.

1932

Robert W. St. Clair is president of the new Asco Sintering Company, the first integrated powdered metal bearing plant west of the Mississippi. They've just moved the plant to a new location, and to avoid the customary delay in obtaining specialized production equipment, a complete eastern factory was purchased and shipped to Los Angeles! Bob, an active powder metallurgy sales engineer in the Los Angeles area for over 20 years, organized the firm in 1945 under the name of Powdered Metal Products.

1934

Jan G. Schaafsma, MS, was recently promoted to the post of assistant manager for General Petroleum's Laboratories department in Los Angeles. Jan joined General Petroleum after graduation from Caltech, and has been in laboratory work since that time. A registered chemical engineer, he has invented a patented treating process for petroleum.

1936

Frank W. Davis, formerly assistant to Convair's vice president, engineering, has been named chief engineer of Convair's Fort Worth division. Frank has been in aeronautics ever since graduation, and joined Convair's Vultee Field division in 1940 as an engineering test pilot. He holds the distinction of being the first pilot in this country to fly a turbo prop plane—the Convair XP81 experimental escort fighter developed for the Air Force in 1945.

1937

Thomas S. Harper is in private practice in psychiatry at White Plains, N. Y. A wife and two children complete the family picture.

Robert L. Wells, MS, writes from Swarthmore, Pa., that he has been made assistant chief engineer of the Aviation Gas Turbine Division of Westinghouse, and is moving this summer with their jet engine division from Philadelphia to Kansas City. More important to this family man, though, is the recent addition of James Weir Wells—which makes three now, with sister Heidi, 5, and Charles, 3½.

Ernest Chilton, MS, has been promoted to development supervisor in the mechanical and electrical engineering department of the Shell Development Co. at the Emeryville Research Center, Calif., where he has been since 1947.

1938

Norman B. Dewees, MS, has just completed a satisfactory first year as advisory engineer in the reactor department of the

Westinghouse atomic power division in Pittsburgh, Pa. *Ted Fahrner*, '36 and *Bill Minkler*, '27, are also in the same division. Norman writes: "Sally and I, the 13-year-old twins Donald and Mary Kay, and Richard, 10, have become strong boosters for the Pittsburgh area. It is no longer the smoky city, but is aggressive in its smoke abatement, slum clearance and civic planning program. Our residential suburb of Mt. Lebanon is a beautiful place to live."

Howard Seifert, PhD '38, resigned from Caltech's Jet Propulsion Lab May 10 to become assistant research director of Ramo-Wooldridge Company, the new Los Angeles guided-missile development laboratory.

1940

V. C. Rideout, MS, is going to spend an interesting summer in India. Professor of electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, he has been appointed visiting professor of communication engineering at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India. Vince, wife, three sons, and assorted paraphernalia will leave this month. He is one of nine engineering pro-

fessors selected to work under the Technical Cooperation Administration of the U. S. Foreign Operations in India during the coming academic year.

1941

Max T. Rodgers, PhD, was one of seven Caltech alumni awarded Fellowship grants by the Guggenheim Foundation last month. Other alumni on the award list were *Berni J. Alder*, PhD '52, *William N. Lipscomb, Jr.*, PhD '46, and *M. Kent Wilson*, PhD '49, all chemists; *Chia-Chiao Lin*, PhD '44, and *Milton D. Van Dyke*, MS '47, Fellowships in engineering mathematics, and *Sedat Serdengeçti*, MS '52, mechanical engineering.

1942

Edward F. Kelley, MS, is working with the Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, developing mobile, industrial gas generators and liquid oxygens—and living "on 20 acres of Virginia brush."

Arlo F. Johnson, MS, now has three sons—he writes that they arrive every other April). Arlo is teaching ME at the University of Utah, and building a home in his spare time.



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Tom Kirtley, MS, is now service supervisor at the Hopewell, Virginia, cellulose plant of Hercules Powder Company. Tom and his wife Jean are the parents of two boys: Tommy, 8, and Frank, 5.

1944

Frank C. Smith, Jr. will be back in familiar territory in August, when he attends the Western Electronics Convention in Los Angeles, to present a paper. Frank is sales manager of the Southwestern Industrial Electronics Co. of Houston, Texas. The Smiths have a boy, F. C. Smith III, and are hoping for a daughter when the new baby arrives this month.

Willard R. Scott, Jr. holds the title of Vice President and Director of Research of the Crest Research Laboratories, located in Seattle. Crest is a privately-owned industrial consulting and research organization serving the Pacific Coast area.

James R. Freeman is now a staff member of the Digital Computer Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

1946

R. A. Montgomery, PhD, is working as a senior group engineer in the Pilotless Aircraft Division of Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. In his work he is responsible for ground guidance equipment design. The

Montgomerys have three children—all boys.

Lyman Bonner, PhD, technical director of the rocket development department at the Hercules Powder Company's Allegheny Ballistics Laboratory, gave a talk in March on rockets, missiles and space ships at the monthly meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Delaware section.

Dr. George Humphrey, MS, became the proud parent of daughter Gail, born in April.

Ed Dolan is still working as an electrical engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration in Ampere, Wash. He has been teaching night school at Multnomah College which, as he notes, "curtains any opportunities I might have for getting into trouble. I did find time to try out my power saw on the fingers of my left hand—and the resulting severe injuries leave no doubt in my mind that I am no superman. Still a happy, carefree bachelor without any prospects of being tied down."

1947

George L. Bate, MS, was one of five Caltech alumni receiving National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowships for the 1954-55 academic year. Also included were *James B. Hendrickson*, '50, *Bruce B. Stowe*, '50, *Milton Van Dyke*, PhD '49, and *James A. Ibers*, '51. The fellowships are

awarded for advanced study and research in the natural sciences, on the basis of academic and research records, and recommendations by a panel of scientists.

J. A. Tvedt, Air Officer on the U.S.S. Valley Forge, U.S. Navy, is wearing another gold stripe on his sleeve—having just been promoted to Commander.

1948

Wakefield Dort Jr., MS, was married on May 8 to Joanne Church at South River, New Jersey. He is now assistant professor of geology at Penn State College.

Jack Keuffel, PhD, another prof from the class of '48, has recently been appointed associate professor of Physics at the University of Utah, where he is busy building up a cosmic ray group. The group will be studying the new unstable particles by using scintillation counters. In addition to cosmic rays, Jack is finding time to enjoy some of Utah's good skiing and riding trails.

1949

Andrew V. Harris of Seattle has an eight-month-old son, Andrew Jr., now occupying a lot of his time, when he's not busy as Jr. engineer at Boeing Aircraft.

William C. A. Woods is in Richland, Washington, working in the research and development department of General Electric. The work is affiliated with the production of atomic materials, and keeps Bill

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1950

Harold C. Martin, PhD, is now professor of aeronautical engineering at the University of Washington, Seattle, and works summers and one day a week throughout the academic year with the structural dynamics unit at Boeing Aircraft. Some of the results of this work were reported before the Institute of Aero Sciences in New York last January.

James Briggs Hendrickson, due to get his doctorate at Harvard this month, was recently awarded a National Research Council Post-doctoral Fellowship in the Natural Sciences for the academic year 1954-55. An organic chemist, Jim will spend the year in research at Birbeck College, University of London.

1951

Harry T. Brackett is still working as an experimental test pilot for Chance Vought Aircraft in Dallas. He recently finished up a test pilot training course at USNATC, graduating first in a class of 38. Currently Harry is performing structural demonstrations on the FW-3 Cutlass, and is looking forward to flying Chance-Vought's new fighter, the XF8U sometime next year.

Fred Eisen hopes to receive his PhD from Princeton next year—and plans to marry Carol Whittingham of Trenton, New Jersey, next fall.

Capt. Robert H. Ahlers, MS, returned from Korea in 1952 and is now stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Bob adds a note with news of other '51 grads: *Col. John Jannarone*, MS, is believed still assigned to the Corps of Engineers in Oklahoma, *Lt. Col. William Watkins*, MS, is at the Command & General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1952

James K. LaFleur and Carolyn Gannon, who were married on April 23rd, took a 5,000 mile honeymoon in Jim's MG. They were in Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and other states. (Where'd they put the luggage?) Now back on the job, Jim was promoted to development engineer on the Advanced Gas Turbine Project at AiResearch Mfg. Co. in Inglewood.

Bernard J. O'Neill, Jr., MS, resident geologist for the New Jersey Zinc Company in charge of their Littleton, New Hampshire office, is feeling extra happy these days about the new addition to the family. The O'Neills have adopted a little girl, Mary Ann.

John C. Thompson, MS, has been leading a rather eventful life so far this year. Not only was he recently promoted to the position of sales manager and asst. general manager of both Peerless Mfg. Co. and Sillers Engineering Co. in Dallas, but he has also received an LLB degree from

Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas state bar!

1953

Richard Ham has just completed his first year of graduate work at the University of Texas, where he has also been employed as a part-time research scientist in the bio-chemical institute. Summer plans for Dick include full-time research work at the University, plus baby sitting. Paul Edward Ham arrived on May 9th, and Dick comments: "He was born needing a haircut, just like his father's usual state!"

William D. Gardner is planning on a New England summer, working for the U. S. Coast & Geodetic survey in Maine, returning later to Norfolk. *Morgan Ogilvie* is also with the USCGS, taking weekly cruises around Chesapeake Bay with the good ship *Cowie*.

William D. McCormick is doing graduate work at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and although he doesn't exactly want to devote all his hours to research work in low temperature physics, there's apparently little alternative. "So far as I've been able to determine," says Bill, "Southern belles have been considerably overrated."

Andrew C. Bousch assisted Dr. James Noble in Canada during the summer of '53. He is now a graduate student at USC, awaiting those greetings from the Army.

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