PERSONALS

1918
Ralph T. Taylor is now assistant supervisor for the State Division of Architecture in charge of supervision of public school construction for the 13 southern counties of the state. Formerly in charge of field supervision, Ralph moves into the slot vacated by Ernest Maug '20 (see below).

1921
Edward F. Forgy is still assistant sales manager of the motor and control division at the Westinghouse Corporation in Buffalo, New York. His son Ed has just returned from Fort Ord in Korea. Son John was married last year and is now in the Army.

1922
Francis L. Hopper, after spending the holidays with grandchildren in San Francisco, visited the Institute and spent ten days in southern California renewing old acquaintances. Hop is still with the Bell Laboratories in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, working with military electronic systems for guided missiles, anti-aircraft fire control, and underwater sound.

1925
Frank Clayton, chief plant engineer at Convair in Fort Worth, Texas, has been elected to a three-year term as state director of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

1927
Robert Creveling writes from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he's working for the Sandia Corporation, that he got his BS in 1925–26 years after graduation from Caltech— from the University of New Mexico, where his wife Leititia graduated in 1926, and his daughter Leititia almost graduated that year. Instead, she married an Air Force lieutenant and is now in Tucson, where she's taking flight training. The Crevelings' other daughter, Fatsy, is now in high school.

George E. Moore has just been elected chairman of the Division of Electron Physics of the American Physical Society. Now living in Summit, New Jersey, the Moores have three children: a daughter, Kathleen, who is a freshman at Panzer College in Orange, N. J., and two boys, Stephen and John, in high school.

1928
William L. Olsen died on January 15. A resident of San Marino, he had been Los Angeles County engineer since graduating from Caltech, and was engineer for planning the Arroyo Seco Parkway and Angeles Crest Bridge, on the Angeles Crest Highway. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Wilma L. Olsen; art supervisor of San Gabriel City Schools; a son, David; his mother, Mrs. Andrew Olsen of Sierra Madre; and a sister Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Pasadena.

1929
Col. Laurence E. Lyon of Sacramento recently received the Legion of Merit in Korea for "exceptional meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service" as IX Corps engineer from April 1 to October 20, 1953. He entered the Army in 1940 and served in Europe in World War II. He is now commander of the 24th Engineer Group on the Korean peninsula.

1930
Edward M. Thorndike, Ph.B., who is professor of physics, and chairman of the department at Queens College, N. Y., starts a year of sabbatical leave this month.

TRUMAN H. RUM, professor of geology

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Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.
and dean of the graduate school at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, recently returned from a trip to Turkey, where he estimated the chromium reserves of a Turkish mining company.

1934

John F. Peart, still practicing patent law as a partner in the firm of Evans & McCoy in Cleveland, writes that he still hasn’t been able to uncover a single Tech alumnus in that area, and has about decided that there aren’t any. (Are there?)

1936

W. Ivan H. Backwell was recently named chief engineer and operating head of the generator division of the O’Keefe & Merritt Company, Los Angeles. Back has been instrumental in the development of several unique and highly efficient engine-generator sets, which are now being volume-produced at O’Keefe & Merritt for the military. In this connection he has just completed a comprehensive six-week tour of Army Engineer Field Maintenance establishments in Japan and Korea.

Kenneth T. Bush, formerly superintendent of the Geesling Chemicals department in La Porte, Texas, is now assistant production manager.

1937

Richard T. Brice, Ph.D., is with the Otis Elevator Co. in New York City. At the moment he’s defense manager, in charge of administering contracts for national defense items. A little over a year ago the Brices moved into a new home in West Orange, N. J.

Stanley van Voorhees is the inventor of the first power-driven skiis to take you uphill. As reported in the December issue of Science and Mechanics, Stan conceived the idea of “regulation skis rigged with hill-climbing traction belts and powered by a back-packed gasoline engine with flexible drive shafts at each ski.”

1938

Halsey T. Butterworth, M.S., writes from Galena, Ohio, that his ten-year old son Richard had polio this spring, but has fully recovered by now. Wes is a member of the school board in Galena’s Big Walnut District, is also a member of the executive board of the local IAS chapter.

Stephen J. Jennings, M.S., has been transferred by General Electric from their analytical engineering section in Schenectady, New York, to the aircraft gas turbine division in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1939

J. Kneeland Atwood, M.S., was recently elected president of Consolidated Vacuum Corporation of Rochester, New York, a subsidiary of Consolidated Engineering Corporation of Pasadena.

1940

H. E. Heywood, M.S., has been assistant chief engineer of the Toledo, Ohio, plant of the National Supply Company for the past five years. They are national manufacturers of oil field machinery. Late this year he’ll be moving to Gainesville, Texas, to become manager of a new plant National is building there.

Roy Richards is the newly appointed head of the technical planning department, field service division, at Lockwood Aircraft Corporation. He joined the company in 1940.

1941

Frederick W. Clarke reports among his “honors and possessions” one wife, Mary G.; two boys, Freddie (10) and George (12); and two companies—Rogers and Clarke, which makes lenses, and Optical Machinery, Inc., which makes lens grinding equipment. The Clarkes live in Rockford, Illinois.

1942

Joe Finish, Engr. ’44, and his wife announced the arrival of Cheryl Ann on January 13. The Francis now have two daughters and two sons. Joe is still a member of the civil engineering faculty at Stanford University.

1943

Lawrence Raymond Pugh announces that he has formally changed his last name to Rockwood. At the same time, he’s leaving.
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1953

Arthur E. Britz is now a member of the technical staff of the Hughes Research and Development Laboratories in Culver City.

Bill Blodgett is working as a field engineer for the Sperry Gyroscope Co. on the Skykeeper, a radar-controlled AA gun. Right now he’s at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, though he’s due to move on to Fort Bliss, Texas, by about next month. “After that,” says Bill, “who knows? May even get back to Pasadena for a few months—or go overseas.”

Alphonse Paters is working as a cost engineer for the Goodyear Atomic Corp in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Donald E. Coles, Ph.D, now a research fellow in aeronautics at Tech, is the winner of this year’s Lawrence Sperry Award from the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. The award is made for a notable contribution by a young man to the advancement of aeronautics. Don is the third Caltech graduate to receive this award—Allen Packett, Ph.D ’49, having won it in 1938, and Dean Chapman ’44, Ph.D ’54, won it last year. Don was cited this year for his experimental and theoretical contributions to the basic knowledge of turbulent skin friction and heat transfer at supersonic speeds.

Joseph D. Gieckler, M.S., is working for Procter & Gamble, in the company’s Long Beach plant.

Sasindran Bhaskara is doing graduate work in geology at Stanford.

Donald O. Emerson is now a graduate assistant at Penn State.

Patrick J. Fazio is working in the geological department of the Shell Oil Company in Los Angeles.

Richard A. Knapp has a job with the Cerro de Passco Copper Corp. in Morrococha, Peru.

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