

# Personals

1922

Ray W. Preston is an electrical consulting engineer in Portland, Oregon, although his work takes him to all parts of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho.

1926

William A. Lewis, Jr., MS '27, PhD '29, is now research professor of electrical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. This is a special chair in electric power systems engineering, supported by three electric utility companies and two electrical manufacturers. Bill is also chairman of the AIEE Standards Committee for 1957-58. His son, William C., who graduated in electrical engineering, from Cornell last June, has three children of his own now.

1929

William G. Young, PhD, vice-chancellor of UCLA, was re-elected to a three-year term as regional director of the American Chemical Society last month. Bill has been a member of the UCLA faculty since 1930 and was chairman of the chemistry department from 1940 to 1948 and dean of the division of physical sciences from 1946 until last year, when he became vice-chancellor.

1933

Ray H. Cripps, vice president of American Electronics, Inc., in Los Angeles, died of a brain tumor on September 14. He leaves his wife and a son, Dale. Ray and Arthur Lamel, '33, were two of the three founders of American Electronics in 1945.

1934

Franklin Offner, MS, president of Offner Electronics, Inc., in Chicago, writes that he was married on September 22, 1956 to Janine Zürcher in Geneva, Switzerland. They have a son, Laurens, five months old.

1935

Norwood L. Simmons, MS, chief engineer of the west coast division of Eastman Kodak's motion picture film department in Los Angeles, has been named assistant manager of the division. He's been with the company since 1937. The Simmonses, who live in Pasadena, have five children.

1936

Reuben E. Wood, PhD '39, is doing research for the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. His most recent work in the Bureau's electrochemistry laboratory has been on wax-electrolyte batteries, at the request of the Army's Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories.

1937

Rear Adm. Frederic A. Berry, USN (ret.) MS, is now in the meteorological research division of Aerometric Research, Inc., the research affiliate of North American Weather Consultants in Santa Barbara. Fred

formerly headed the meteorology department of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. The Berrys have four children—a daughter, 11; two sons attending the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; and a married daughter living in Alexandria, Virginia.

1939

Curtis M. Lee has been transferred from the Sparrows Point Plant of the Rheem Manufacturing Company to their water heater research and development division in Chicago. He is now manager of the water heater test laboratory and writes that he's "enthusiastic about Chicago—but homesick for California."

Gustav A. Albrecht, MS, PhD '40, writes that "teaching chemistry by day and being a music critic at night gives me a sort of double life with many rewarding features. Recently when I wrote an article on science for the Pasadena Independent, an irate reader wrote to complain, saying I should stick to my field—music."

"This is my fourth year at Glendale College and my fifth as music critic for the Independent. It's a wonderful contrast to leave a faculty meeting and drop in at the paper, where people express themselves tersely, and without lofty sermons."

Martin Eichelberger, MS, former geophysical supervisor with Geophysical Service, Inc., in Dallas, Texas, is now a geophysicist in the airborne geophysics division of the Aero Service Corporation in Philadelphia.

1941

Alex E. Green, MS, writes to correct our December item about him which said he was "formerly with Florida State University." "Actually," he reports, "I am on a leave of absence from there (I am professor of physics and scientific director of the Tandem Van de Graaf Laboratory), to the theoretical division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory where I am a physicist."

John J. Paulson, who has now been promoted to section chief of the electromechanical development section at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, writes that "my wife and I just adopted our second child, Karla Jean, who has red hair and blue eyes and is just 4 months old. Jackie, her 4-year-old brother is very proud of her."

1942

Cdr. Jack J. Tomamichel, USN (ret.) died very suddenly last June 24, from a probable heart attack. He leaves one daughter, Joan. Jack had served in World War II and the Korean War before his retirement from the Navy in 1951.

1945

Raymond Chuan, MS, AE '48, PhD '53, is conducting the installation of a new

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wind tunnel at USC, to be used for industry studies of outer space and high speed travel problems. His chief assistant on the project is *K. Krishnamurty*, MS '52, PhD '56. The wind tunnel is based on a new concept of Ray's (an outgrowth of his PhD thesis) which allows testing of tremendous air speeds and high altitude studies under controlled conditions in a small building without pumps, fans or other paraphernalia generally associated with wind tunnels. The test conditions are produced by a process of freezing air.

*Arthur C. Wilbur* is currently employed by the American Can Company in their research department in Barrington, Illinois. He writes that "we are temporarily residing in State College, Pennsylvania, where I am attending the AEC-sponsored International School of Nuclear Science and Engineering. The first half of the course is given here at Penn State, or at North Carolina. We will be leaving for Argonne National Laboratory at the end of January for the second half of the course. Also with me are my wife and two children—Laura, 9, and Curtis, 5."

#### 1947

*Robert M. Stewart* writes that "I am leaving the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (where I am currently on the director's

staff) after 7 years, to join the Ramo-Woodridge Corporation's technical staff. Will also move from Altadena to Encino. Following the death of my wife four years ago, I have been a bachelor father with two children. Hence I've been doing considerable research on the nature of housekeepers (all 16 of them!)."

*Jarvis L. Schuennessen*, MS, chief of the Chemical Processing Branch, Idaho Operations Office, of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in Idaho Falls, received the AEC's "Outstanding Service Award" in 1956.

#### 1949

*Don Hibbard*, a district geologist with the Seaboard Oil Company, has been transferred to Caracas, Venezuela, where he and two other geologists are opening a new office for the company. He writes: "Things seemed to get off to a good start when a well our 3-company group is drilling in Lake Maracaibo came in for 7,200 barrels of oil per day. We have our fingers crossed that this kind of luck will continue."

"We like Caracas very much. It is a beautiful modern city with a climate about as ideal as you can hope for. If we can survive the inevitable delays and some of the Venezuelan ways of doing business,

everything will be all right. As far as the family goes, we've just had our third child, Marisa, now 3 months old."

*Hugh C. Carter*, President of the Hugh Carter Engineering Company in Long Beach, will teach an extension course in mechanical estimating at USC this spring. The course is designed for engineers, architects and contractors interested in estimating all types of building and engineering construction materials.

*Major Thomas D. Blazina*, MS, who had been in the U.S. Air Force ever since he left Caltech, was killed in a plane crash at Landstuhl, Germany, on November 5.

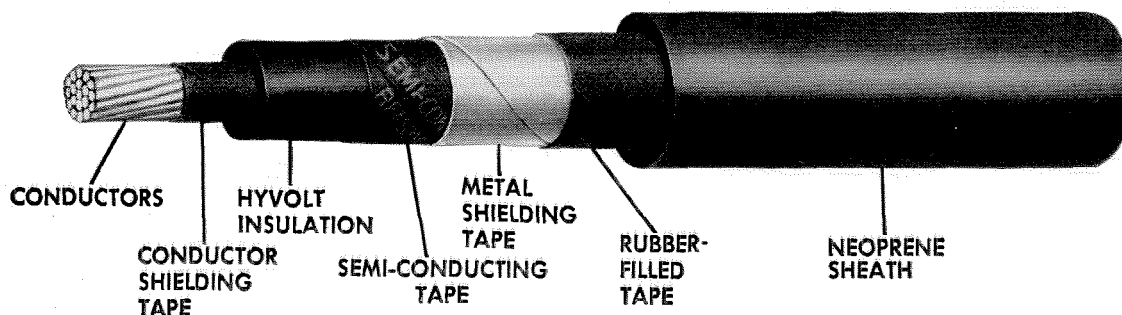
*Rolf M. Sinclair* is now on leave of absence in Europe from the Westinghouse Research Laboratories in Pittsburgh, where he is a physicist. Recently he finished a year's appointment at the University of Hamburg, and is now at the Labatoire de Physique of the Ecole Normale Supérieure of the University of Paris. Rolf is in a group working in low-energy nuclear research under Professor Hans Halbau. At the end of his year there, he will return to the Westinghouse Lab.

#### 1950

*Dean A. Rains*, MS '51, PhD '54, is now working with the rocket propulsion group

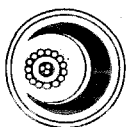
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in the guided missile research division of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation in Los Angeles. The Rains' fourth child, Brian, was born on November 6. Their other children are Diane, 6, Bruce, 5, and Darryl, 1.

### 1952

Donald E. Stewart, MS '53, who received his degree last month from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, is being married this month to Carolyn Fox of South Pasadena.

John A. Carlson, MS, PhD '55, chief of the recently-formed engineering analysis department at the Teletype Corporation in Chicago, announced the birth of a second son, Jeffrey, last April 11. Their first son, John, Jr., is two years old. The Carlsons are living in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Robert S. Davis, MS, is now director of engineering development at the Scientific Design Company in New York City.

### 1953

Robert Gillingham, mechanical engineering designer at Northrop Aircraft in Los Angeles, has a son, James Robert, born on October 29.

James LaTourrette, who receives his PhD from Harvard next month, will stay at Harvard for the academic year as a research fellow. He has been appointed "Lec-

turer on Physics" for the spring term. The LaTourrette family, which includes a daughter, Mary Beth, born last October 18, is looking forward to spending next year at the University of Bonn, Germany, on an NSF postdoctoral fellowship.

Peter L. Goldacre, PhD, writes from Canberra City, Australia, that he has been appointed senior research officer (biochemist) in the division of plant industry of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

"My wife and I," writes Peter, "look back with some affection on our two years in Pasadena as a most exciting and profitable experience in our lives, and we treasure the many warm friendships begun at Caltech. We now have two children—a daughter, Lesley Ann, 4, and a son, Philip, 2. We have acquired a block of land at Merimbula, some 150 miles away on the coast, where we are in the process of building a weekend."

Carl A. Anderson, Jr., control chemist at the Stauffer Chemical Company in Vernon, California, now has a daughter, Teresa, born on December 1.

### 1955

Frank Wallace, experimental engineer at the Pratt & Whitney Corporation in Manchester, Connecticut, announces the birth

of a son, Stephen, on December 8.

### 1956

Jeremy F. Crocker is now stationed at the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He was married last August to Ann Sears of Corte Madera, California, at Hamilton Air Force Base.

Lee R. Gallagher, MS, graduate student in physics at Caltech, was married on December 6 to Astrid Jansa, daughter of the former Czechoslovakian minister to Colombia, South America, in Tustin, California.

John E. Young is one of the 19 second-year students at the Harvard Law School who have been elected to membership in the Student Legislative Research Bureau. The Bureau assists members of Congress, state legislators, attorneys general, faculty members, and civic organizations in drafting legislation to be presented to federal, state, and local legislative bodies. Members are chosen from students of high scholastic standing.

### 1957


Gordon R. Wicker, MS, is now a chemical engineer in the experimental plants department of the Shell Development Company's Emeryville, California, research center.

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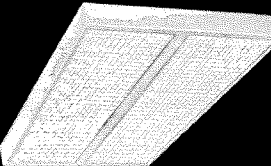
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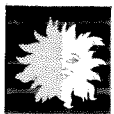
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