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1920

Lloyd E. Towne, office manager of the Worthington Corporation in Los Angeles, died in October, 1956, of muscular dystrophy. He was 62. Lloyd started with Worthington in their Harrison, New Jersey, office in 1920 and came to Los Angeles in 1924 as a salesman, later becoming office manager. He is survived by a son, Roger, who is 20.

1930

Robert W. Wilson, PhD '36, associate professor of paleontology and and associate curator of the Museum of Natural History at the University of Kansas, writes that he served as president of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology in 1955, and spent the academic year 1956-57 in England, as a Guggenheim Fellow, working at the British Museum.

1935

James H. Jennison, MS '36, head of the product engineering division at the Naval Ordnance Test Station in Pasadena, reports that he recently received a superior accomplishment award for a design which cut the cost of a major missile component in half. "All things considered," he writes, "I find NOTS a good place to work and I am proud to be part of the capable organization here. Quite a few Caltech alumni are in key spots here—the most distinguished being our technical director, William B. McLean, '35, MS '37, PhD '39.

"We are just finishing a new house to accommodate our growing family. On September 20 our fourth child was born—a daughter, Wendy Lou. We have two other girls and a boy."

1936

Hugh F. Colton, senior vice president of Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation in Pasadena, has been reappointed to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's committee on government expenditures for 1958-59.

1938

Charles W. Clarke, manager of division planning at the AEReSearch Manufacturing Company in Los Angeles, sends along news of the 20th reunion of the class of 1938 which took place in June at the Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles. Here are his notes:

"Evan Johnson, president of the American Messer Corporation in Scarsdale, N.Y., won a bottle of bourbon for coming the longest distance to the reunion."

"Tom Davis, MS '47, AE '48, senior engineer at the Boeing Airplane Company continued on page 51
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in Spokane, Washington, was runner-up for the prize.

Bill Nash, MS ’39, PhD ’42, assistant manager of operations at C. F. Braun & Company (who made all the arrangements for the reunion meeting room and bar facilities) took an independent poll and found that there were only 9 men out of the group who understood Engineering and Science.

George Holmes, controller at the Electrodata Division of the Burroughs Corporation in Pasadena, turned out to be the only man who could explain the satellite.

Roland Stone, a partner in the Superior Honey Company in Los Angeles, has discovered that the honey he manufacturers has turned out to be a catalyst in the development of male hormones.

Stan Wolberg, senior consultant at Benjamin Borchardt & Associates in Los Angeles, is making a time study out at Rose Marie Reid, which includes intimate contact with the models.

Al Jurs, vice president in charge of the electrical division of the Shand & Jurs Company in Berkeley, is the most prolific of the ‘38 graduates, with a family of 6 children.

Don Clark, BS ’29, MS ’30, PhD ’34, was unanimously nominated and elected as permanent class father of the class of 1938.

Letters and telegrams came from these absentees:

John G. McLean, vice president of coordination and planning at the Continental Oil Company in Houston, Texas: “Sorry I cannot be there. Family: Girl, 4; Boy, 2; Boy, 6 months.”

Frank Louttit, vice president and member of the board of directors of the Vitro Corporation of America in New York: “Best regards. Sorry I can’t be with you. Made necessary business arrangements for trip but it was to wrong coast.”

Paul Dennis, staff assistant to the general manager of the computer division of the Bendix Aviation Company in Los Angeles: “Greetings to all from Brussels.”

Carl Friend, department engineer in the aerodynamics department of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Atlanta: “Am trapped in Marietta, Ga.”

Comdr. Dick Forward, U.S. Navy, writes: “The invitation reached me rather late since it tracked me down an obscure trail of forwarding addresses. I am still in the Navy and am serving at the moment in the Paradise of the Pacific – the Hawaiian Islands. As a matter of fact, my career seems to have developed in a continued on page 53
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or of rotation between Hawaii and Washington, D.C. We last escaped the
lame of the Great White Father in August, 1957, and are about nine months
along in our stay in Hawaii.

"What am I doing out here? The short

title COMBARPAC is a good cover-up.
Could imply a corner saloon or an un-
dercover auxiliary for the WCTU. Ac-
tually it means: Commander Barrier Pa-
cific, which is the command in charge of
the DEW line in the Pacific Ocean Area.
I am officially titled Officer in Charge of
Operations Control Center. This is a
rather elaborate installation in which
known traffic is compared with observed,
and the unknown is labeled Hostile.
Should the end-run around the DEW
line be attempted. In this unhoped-for
event, we will push the first button in
this age of push-button warfare."

Roger Conie, geologist in the explora-
tion department of the Shell Oil Com-
pany in New Orleans, La.: "I regret that
I won't be able to compete for the jug
of bourbon - but hope to make the next
one 5 years hence. I have been living in
south Louisiana since 1948 when I
joined Shell, and in New Orleans since
1951. For the last 4 years I have been
in charge of geological work in the
marine exploration division concerned
with oil exploration offshore of Louisiana.
Beaucoup oil down here."

1943

David M. Mason, MS '47, PhD '49,
has been made professor of chemical en-
gineering and associate executive head of
the newly-created division of chemical
engineering at Stanford University, where
he has been teaching since 1955. Before
that, he was an instructor and research
group supervisor at Caltech's Jet Propul-
sion Laboratory.

1945

Robert D. Mason, assistant superin-
tendent of the Muirson Label Company,
Inc., in San Jose, Calif., died of acute
nephritis and uremia on June 19, 1958,
at the University of California Hospital
in San Francisco. He had been with
Muirson for 12 years. He leaves his wife,
Rae, and two children, Nancy and David.

1947

Richard Davis, MS, is now working at
the Stanford Research Institute at Palo
Alto. He has three children-a boy, 13;
a daughter, 4½, and a son, 2½. Dick received
his PhD in mathematics at Berkeley in 1955.

Col. William M. Linton, MS, has as-
sumed command of the 151st engineer
group of the United States Army Infan-
try in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has
been in the Army since 1955, when he
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graduated from West Point. The Lintons have four children—David, 11; Barbara, 9; William F., 4, and Eugene, 1.

John W. Harrison received his PhD in English and Speech and English Literature from the University of Colorado in August.

1949

Phillip Eisenberg is now head of the mechanics branch of the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C.

Paul J. Howard, plant manager for Procter and Gamble in Baltimore, is the father of three girls—3, 5 and 7 years old.

Thomas P. Higgins, MS, has been appointed to head the research and development activities at Lockheed's Missile Systems division plant in Van Nuys. He has been at Lockheed for the past five years and was recently missiles and spacecraft department manager in preliminary design at the Burbank plant. The Higgins’ have four children.

Charles Susskind, associate professor of electrical engineering at Berkeley, had a stay in Britain and on the continent during the summer with Terry (his fourth child), Pamela, 5; Peter, 3, and Amanda, 1. Charles also does some industrial consulting and, in his spare time, writes a weekly column on music that appears in several papers on the San Francisco peninsula, and broadcasts over KPFA-FM, the Berkeley listener-sponsored station.

1949

Paul H. Kidder received his MS in engineering at Ohio State University in August.

Jack N. Nielsen, MS, PhD '51, is a member of Vidya Associates, a research and development company just started in Palo Alto. Vidya is a group of prominent scientists concerned with research and development in aeronautics, thermodynamics and electronics. The Nielsens and their daughter live in Los Altos.

1950

John B. Rutherford, MS, has resigned his position with the Western-Knapp Engineering Company in San Francisco to open his own office for the practice of structural engineering in Los Altos.

William F. Jones, MS, has recently opened a soils engineering practice named Jones, Thenn and Associates in Mountain View, California.

J. Robert Holmes, development engineer in reliability engineering at the IBM Corporation in Owego, New York, has been promoted to development engineer in reliability analysis in the systems, evaluation and component engineering department of the company. Bob, his wife, and three sons live in Vestal, N.Y.
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1951

Robert J. Kurland has been appointed instructor in chemistry at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa. He received his MA and PhD degrees from Harvard University.

1952

Dr. Ernest R. Cram, MS, writes: "It is always a pleasure to read Engineering and Science and I remain very proud of my Caltech degree. The training and practice I received in meteorology aids me in many ways in my general practice of medicine.

"I have three children and am currently president of the local Rotary Club, chairman of the district Boy Scout committee, county coroner, and running for election on the high school board of trustees."

William R. Blake was recently elected president of the Lamirell Engineering Company of Baxter Springs, Kansas. The company has lately completed a thorough retooling program for the production of the Blake Wake-Breaker Water Ski, a fiberglass reinforced-plastic ski which will be announced to the trade in January.

1953

William C. Duesterhoft, Jr., PhD, associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, has taught there for seven years. Last spring he won the $1,200 Convair award for excellence in engineering teaching for 1958.

1954

Jerry C. Mitchell is now a chemist in the polymer and chemical applications department of the Shell Development Company in Emeryville, Calif. He took his graduate work at Harvard University where he received his MA and PhD degrees in chemistry.

1955

Oscar Seidman, AE, writes that "after absorbing some learning at Caltech, I returned to the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department in Washington, where I am head of the Aero and Hydro Development Section. I may have to return for a refresher course at Caltech, however, as my daughter, 7, has mastered the anti-gravitational principles of the hula hoop (a Pasadena product) while I have not yet worked out a satisfactory solution."

1956

Alfred K. Orr, Jr., MS, writes from Tripoli in Libya, North Africa: "After leaving Pasadena two years ago, we moved to Tulsa, Okla., where we spent two grand years. We now have two children."

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Fred - Lisa, 2½, and Jean, 1. Working
with the Ohio Oil Company in Tulsa was
very pleasant - our closest friends there
were John Stick, Jr., ’35, and his wife.
A former classmate of Richard Johns
(professor of geology at Caltech), John
is an engineer at the Lane-Wells Com-
pany.

"In July, my company sent me to Tripoli where I am working at the Oasis Oil
Company of Libya (a division of the
Ohio Oil Company). This is a very
strange land - the former home of nine
civilizations including Phoenicians,
Greeks, Romans, Carthaginians, Berbers,
and Turks. Once the 'Granary of Rome,'
it is now a barren desert with the excep-
tion of a narrow coastal area. The Sahara
comes right to the sea along most of the
coast. Although Arabic is the national
language, Italian is probably spoken by
more people. English is heard more and
more.

"Tripoli is a city of some 250,000 peo-
ple of which 40,000 are Italian, 20,000
British, and 10,000 Americans. The
others are mostly Arab. The streets are
narrow and filled with bicycles, small
cars and donkey carts. The suburban
streets are often crowded with sheep and
camels. The first signal lights are being
installed, but will probably be useless,
since the bicycle riders pay no attention
to street signs.

"Thousands of small shops sell every-
ingthing imaginable. Most of the city is
beautiful, especially that built by the
Italians before the war. Tropical flowers
and date palms are abundant along the
streets and in the gardens."

1958

Robert L. Blakeley, Robert S. Deverill,
Paul C. Manning and Dennis G. Peters
are all doing graduate work on Woodrow
Wilson Fellowships. Bob Blakeley is at
Harvard University working in organic
chemistry. Bob Deverill is at Caltech
working in physical chemistry. Paul has
entered the University of California at
Berkeley for work in theoretical physics
and Dennis is at Harvard working in
chemistry.

Richard O. Hundley who is working
for his PhD in physics at Caltech, now
has a son, Richard William, born on July
25. Dick was married to Jan Vanderzee
from Occidental two days after his
graduation. He spent last summer work-
ing in the research lab at the Hughes
Aircraft Company.

Morrow H. Moore, MS, is now as-
sistant professor of mechanical engineer-
ing at George Washington University in
Washington, D.C.

William Clement, Jr., is continuing
graduate work in physics at Cornell Uni-
versity on a fellowship from the General
Electric Company.

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