Personals

1936
Domenick J. Pompeo, who retired last June after 32 years with the Shell Oil Company, died of cancer on September 20. Domenick was founder and head of the Shell instrumentation department at Emeryville, and was responsible for the development of nearly 100 devices—from a recording refractometer to a reflux ratio controller. He is survived by his wife, Cora.

Charles M. Wolfe, MS, PhD ’32, is now head of the transducer engineering department of Borg-Warner Controls in Santa Ana. He was formerly a research specialist at United Electrodynamics.

1934
Milton U. Clausen, MS ’35, PhD ’37, is president of the newly-formed Clausen Technology Corporation, in Torrance. The company will engage in the development and production of electronic equipment and instruments “for the missile age.” He was formerly vice president and director of research at Space Technology Laboratories, a subsidiary of the Rame-Worldridge Corporation.

1935
Charles F. Thomas has been appointed manager of marketing and planning for The Radio Corporation of America’s major defense systems organization in Moorestown, N.J. He joins RCA after 25 years with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, where he has been serving as director of military sales since 1952.

1940
Fred Brosa has been made production manager of the Daedel Corporation in Monrovia. He was formerly assistant operations manager, and has been with the company since 1957. Fred is married and has three daughters and a son.

Fred W. Billmeyer, Jr., senior research chemist at the Du Pont Experimental Station near Wilmington, Del., is on leave this year to conduct a course in high polymer technology at MIT. Fred has been with Du Pont since 1945.

1942
Howard C. Hall is resident manager of Crown Zellerbach’s pulp and paper mill in St. Helens, Oregon. He has been with the company since 1947.

William L. Rogers is now vice president of Aerojet-General’s Azusa plant. He has been vice president of Azusa Operations for the past two years and will now have responsibility for all service functions and operating activities at the plant.

1943
Oscar D. Terrell has been made manager of purchasing at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady, New York. KAPL is operated by General Electric for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. The Terrells and their three sons live in Schenectady, New York.

Ralph Willits is now chief project engineer of the engineering design section at the Socony Mobile Oil Company’s Ferndale, Washington, refinery. He was formerly with the engineering department of General Petroleum in Torrance, California, and moved to Washington last June when General Petroleum was integrated into the parent company. The Willits and their two daughters (10 and 7) have been enjoying the water-skiing and fishing in their new location.

1945
William F. Gulley is now assistant regional manager of the western division of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company. He will continue to live in San Francisco where he was formerly district manager for Rockwell. He has been with the company for 13 years.

Franklin Sproles Edwards, MS, died on October 19, at Starkville, Miss., of a stroke suffered the day before. He was 47 years old. He had been at Mississippi State University since 1941, and had served as head of the aeronautical engineering department there since 1947.

1947
Robert C. Hawthorne has been promoted to senior research engineer at the Union Oil Company of California’s Research Center in Brea.

Manfred Eimer, MS ’48, PhD ’53, has been appointed to the newly-created position of deputy division chief in the reorganization of the Space Sciences Division of Caltech’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Justin L. Bloom is now project engineer of the Advanced SNAP Programs (Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power) in the nuclear division of The Martin Company in Baltimore. He has been chief of the materials management branch of the San Francisco Operations

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Office of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission for the past four years. The Blooms have a daughter and a son.

**1949**

Thomas H. Wakeman is now manager of plate, structural and bar sales at the Kaiser Steel Corporation's Oakland, California, office. He joined the company's sales division in 1950 and has been midcontinent sales manager since 1954. The Wakemans have two children.

Virgil J. Berry, Jr., MS, PhD, '51, is director of the petroleum engineering research division at the Sinclair Research Laboratories, Inc., in Tulsa, Okla. He was formerly research group supervisor at the Pan American Petroleum Corporation in Tulsa.

**1950**

Worthie Doyle, PhD, formerly a staff member at the Lincoln Laboratories in Lexington, Massachusetts, is now at Aeronutronics in Newport Beach, California.

J. Robert Holmes, MS, has been appointed manager of reliability engineering at the Owego facility of IBM's Federal Systems Division in Vestal, N.Y. He has been with the company since 1951 and was formerly manager of reliability evaluation.

Dean A. Raines, MS '51, PhD '54, is now manager of the systems design branch of the United Technology Corporation in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Donald J. Gimbel, MS, has been appointed vice president in charge of engineering at the Arnoux Corporation in Los Angeles. Before joining Arnoux in 1958, he was director of the computer systems department of Panellit, Inc.

**1951**

William V. Wright, PhD '55, is now a vice president of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena. He will continue in his present position as manager of the company's solid state division. He came to Electro-Optical in 1957 from Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., where he was program director of semiconductor materials.

**1952**

Raymond L. Heacock, MS '53, now chief of the space instruments section in the Space Sciences Division at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will be responsible for scientific instrumentation on spacecraft. He has been in the computer group at JPL since 1953.

John C. Porter, Jr., MS '58, formerly a staff engineer on assignment to NASA headquarters in Washington, is now continued on page 44.
Henry L. Richter, Jr., PhD '56, has joined the staff of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena. He will manage the company's newly-formed advanced electronics and information systems division. He was formerly chief of the space instruments section of the Space Sciences Division at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

M. Edmund Ellion, PhD, is president of Dynamics Science Corporation, a subsidiary of Marshall Industries in South Pasadena. He was formerly project engineer at the Given Manufacturing Company in Pasadena.

James T. LaTourrette has joined the staff of the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, New York. After receiving his MS and PhD from Harvard, he studied at Bonn University in Germany and, prior to joining General Electric, he served as a lecturer at Harvard University. The LaTourrettes and their two children are living in Scotia, New York.

Carl A. Rambow, MS '58, received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin last June, and is now working for the California Research Corporation in La Habra. The Rambows have three children—Michael, 3; David, 2; and Barbara, born last September.

William A. Acerre writes from Costa Rica that "after several months as a consultant for the Venezuelan Government Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons, we finally made it to Costa Rica. Since the engineering field is almost a closed corporation here and the obstacles for a graduate from other than the University of Costa Rica are substantial, a new career is in order. For the present, I am seriously considering raising pigs. Not pig iron, but the kind of pig that walks around on four feet and grunts. They also eat a lot—however, I think that they leave a good profit and that's what I like."

Delano Brouillette, MS '56, will head a newly-formed servomechanism group at the Datex Corporation in Monrovia. He was formerly senior engineer at Librascope, Inc., in Glendale.

Saul Feldman, PhD, is now a principal scientist in the fluid physics division of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena. Before that, he was principal research scientist at the AVCO-Everett Research Laboratory in Massachusetts.

James R. Bonden, MS, research group leader in Continental Oil Company's research and development department at Ponca City, Okla., is at MIT on a Sloan Fellowship.

John J. Merrill, MS '56, has been promoted from instructor in physics to assistant professor at the Harvey Mudd College in Claremont.

Stanley L. Grotch, MS '56, is now an engineer in the chemical engineering department of the Shell Development Company's Emeryville research center.

Samuel Grossman writes that he is working for his PhD in mathematics at the Institute of Technology of the University of Minnesota and has been teaching for the past two years. He has received the NSF Cooperative Graduate Fellowship for the coming year so that now he can devote full time to research and credit-gathering.

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