# Personals

## 1922

HOWARD G. VESPER, president and director of the Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc., has joined the executive committee and advisory board of the Northern California region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

## 1926

ALPHEUS M. BALL has been appointed chairman of the Munitions Task Group for a special quality assurance study just launched by the Army Materiel Command, with the aid of the National Security Industrial Association. He holds the position of manager of quality assurance in the Chemical Propulsion Division of the Hercules Powder Company's Explosives Department in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Army's study is a six-month project by some 90 quality control experts.

## 1927

CHARLES A. BRADLEY, JR., died on March 2 in Corning, N.Y. He had just returned from a vacation when he was admitted to the hospital on March 1.

Dr. Bradley had been with Corning Glass Works since 1936 and had recently been named manager of Project Analysis in the Technical Staffs Division.

## 1933

BRIG. GEN. JOHN C. MONNING has been promoted to the rank of major general by confirmation of the United States Senate on February 28. He is commanding general of the 311th Logistical Command, U.S. Army Reserve, the largest headquarters type command in the U.S. Army. In civilian life, General Monning is general manager of the Los Angeles City Building and Safety Department.

## 1935

ALAN BEERBOWER, research associate at the Esso Research and Engineering Company in Linden, N.J., has been with the company for 27 years. He joined Esso after receiving his MS from Columbia University in 1936. The Beerbowers have one married daughter, Marjorie.

ALBERT O. DEKKER, PhD '40, has been appointed manager of the Propellant Research Division at the Aerojet-General Corporation in Sacramento.

KENNETH S. PITZER, president of Rice University, has received Dickinson College's Priestley Memorial Award for 1963 for "distinguished contributions to mankind through chemistry" and also for his interest in the education of young scientists. The award is a portrait medallion of Joseph Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen, and \$1,000.

## 1937

JAMES W. DAILY, MS, PhD '45, professor of hydraulics and research at MIT, is now a Fellow in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He supervises the MIT Hydrodynamics Laboratory, and was responsible for the formulation of a pioneer curriculum in civil engineering.

## 1938

SAMUEL E. WATSON, JR., has been in the Iranian oil fields for the past 6 years as a resident geologist, special projects geologist, and lately as a reservoir research geologist. On May 20 he will transfer to the head office in Tehran as senior exploitation geologist. The Watsons and their two children spend their six weeks annual leave traveling in Europe and the Far East.

ROBERT C. MCMASTER, MS, PhD '44, professor of welding engineering at Ohio State, has received an Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching with a \$1,000 grant from Ohio State. He has been on the faculty since 1955.

## 1940

HAROLD S. MICKLEY, MS '41, was appointed Ford Professor of Engineering at MIT last year, and this year is serving as chairman of the faculty. He has been at MIT since 1942, when he started studying for a PhD which he received in 1946. While at Caltech he earned part of his tuition by writing science fiction under pseudonyms. The Mickleys live in Belmont, Mass., with their two sons, Steven, 17, and Richard, 14.

### 1941

H. GUYFORD STEVER, PhD, was elected to the board of directors of the Simplex Wire & Cable Company in Boston at their annual meeting last month. He is head of the departments of mechanical engineering and naval architecture & marine engineering, and also serves as professor of aeronautics and astronautics at MIT.

#### 1944

KNOX T. MILLSAPS, PhD, chief scientist for the U.S. Air Force's Office of Aerospace Research, joined the faculty of the University of Florida as research professor of aerospace engineering on April 1.

## 1948

MAJOR HOWARD W. GREEN is now at the Air Force Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico and expects to transfer to Norton AFB in California in July. He writes that he plans to spend four or five years more in the service and then retire in California. The Greens and their three children, Miriam, 13, Debbie, 10, and Douglas, 8, have a mutual hobby of trailer travel in their 30-foot Airstream.

#### 1949

JOSEPH F. BURKHOLDER is now a civil engineer in the investigations, planning and reports unit of the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico. He acts as assistant to Principal Engineer William E. Walker.

#### 1952

GORDON E. ZIMA, MS, PhD '56, is now on the staff of the chemistry department of the University of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore. The Zimas and their three children live in Danville.

HENRY L. RICHTER, JR., PhD '56, has been named manager of the advanced systems development operation at Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., in Pasadena. This is a new post which entails directing the company's efforts in hardware systems for military and space applications.

#### 1956

DR. ALAN POISNER was married on July 15, 1962, to Roselle Burstein in New York. The Poisners are now in London, where Alan is working for a year at the National Institute for Medical Research.

## 1957

CHARLES H. ANDERSON has joined the research staff of RCA Laboratories at the David Sarnoff research Center in Princeton, New Jersey. Since June 1961 he has been on the staff of Harvard University as a research assistant and instructor in physics.

DOUGLAS C. RITCHIE is now a mechanical engineer at Wiancko Engineering in Pasadena. He is currently working on the design and testing of a DC-DC gas damped accelerometer capable of operating at cryogenic temperatures in a high nuclear radiation environment. He is also working on pressure transducer design for use in various space programs.

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