Personals

1906
HILDA WOOD GRINNELL died on June 7, 1963, at the age of 80. She graduated from the “Academy Department” of Throop Polytechnic Institute in 1902, and received her BS from the “College Department” in 1906. From 1904 to 1906 she was teaching assistant in zoology at the Institute to JOSEPH GRINNELL ’97, professor of biology. They were married in June 1906. The Grinnells collaborated on many books, and even after Dr. Grinnell died in 1939, Mrs. Grinnell continued her interest in the natural sciences and was an active member of a number of scientific societies right up until the time of her death.

1912
BEN FERGUSON died at his home in Phoenix on June 5 at the age of 74. He had served as chief engineer for the Arizona Corporation Commission from 1912 to 1924. He founded his own engineering firm, the Headman, in 1932. After serving eight years on the Phoenix Planning Commission, he resigned in 1933. He is survived by his wife, sons Archibald and Benjamin H., and eight grandchildren.

1929
THOMAS H. EVANS, MS’30, dean of engineering at Colorado State University for the past 14 years, is now dean of engineering at Fresno State College. Fresno State is the only college in the San Joaquin Valley that offers engineering. This is a “return of the native” for Evans; he was born in California and never left the state until he had graduated from the Institute.

1930
LOREN P. SCOVILLE, MS, has been appointed executive vice president and general manager of the Arizona Agrochemical Corporation in Phoenix.

1932
CHARLES D. CORYELL, PhD’35, professor of chemistry at MIT, returned last month after 9 months as a Guggenheim Fellow and Fulbright Lecturer at the Institut du Radium of the University of Paris.

E. CHET KEACHIE, associate professor of industrial engineering at UC, Berkeley, writes that his older son, Steve, has graduated from Stanford with an EE degree (where his dad got his PhD). Steve is in business for himself, making his own invention—an instrument power supply for sailplanes.

1933
GREGORY K. HARTMANN, technical director of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, was one of ten people to receive a National Civil Service League annual Career Service Award last spring.

E. RAY LOCKHART, MS’34, has been elected president of the El Paso Electric Company in New York. He was formerly vice president and director of the Stone and Webster Service Corporation.

1935
ARTHUR T. IPPEN, MS, PhD’36, professor of hydraulics at MIT, received the Vincent Bendix Award last spring for outstanding research contributions. The award was established through the efforts of the Engineering College Council and the Bendix Aviation Corporation, and is given to staff members of U.S. engineering colleges. Ippen has been on the MIT faculty since 1945.

GEORGE G. GRIMM, Jr., MS, consultant in the Missile and Space Division of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, died on May 28 of acute coronary thrombosis. He was 52. He leaves his wife and four children: Mina, 25; Carolyn, 20; George III, 18; and Charlotte, 6.

ADRIAN H. GORDON, MS’36, now on a UN Technical Assistance Mission in Teheran, Iran, writes, “Much to my surprise, I found a colleague meteorologist, JOSEPH CAPRIO, ’48, here. Joe is one of the three world meteorological organization experts in Teheran. Upon looking through the alumni directory, I find that KAMAL DJANAB, PhD’38, is teaching physics to the postgraduate class of meteorologists I am in charge of. Finally, I see that my namesake, GARFORD GORDON, ’34, is also on UN Technical Assistance work in Karachi. As I have been asked to go there when I have finished here in February next, I might run into him. As for the family—my son Marty is 15, and daughter Susie, 12.”

1937
WILLIAM C. PUTNAM, PhD, died on March 16, 1963, of a heart attack. He was 54. He was professor of geology at UCLA and had been a member of the faculty for 25 years. He leaves his wife and a daughter, Margaret.

1951
GRAYDON D. BELL, MS, PhD ’57, writes: “The 1963 Alumni Directory has two errors that I would like to call attention to. In the alphabetical list, my MS degree is listed as ‘41 and should be ‘51. Also, I am now associate professor of physics at Harvey Mudd College. I guess I failed to notify you at the time of that promotion.

"Starting in September, 1963, I am on a sabbatical leave and will work at..."
the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., where I will do research in the plasma physics division. My wife and three children will accompany me."

1958

RICHARD VAN KIRK is now associate director of development in Caltech's Development Program. Dick worked for Procter & Gamble at their Long Beach plant from June 1958 to May 1963, when he returned to the Institute. He writes: "Among the CIT alumni I worked with at Procter & Gamble or ran across during that time were DONALD STOCKING, systems engineer at IBM Corp., L. A.; LAURENCE BERRY, engineer; ROBERT EMERLING, project engineer at The Cosmo Dynamics Corporation; and CLARKE REES who is studying architecture at USC—all of the class of '58. Then I saw RICHARD HODGES '54, group manager of synthetics for Procter & Gamble in Chicago, Ill.; WILLIAM CHAMBERS '55, product manager for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati; JAMES HOLDITCH '48, MS '49, mechanical group manager for Procter & Gamble in Long Beach, Calif.; ARNÉ KALM '56, MS '57, staff assistant at Space Technology Laboratories; VICTOR WILLITS '35, technical engineer for Procter & Gamble in Long Beach; WILLIAM ADAMS '32, group manager for Procter & Gamble in Long Beach; and MILLIS HODGE '32, MS '33, personnel manager of Procter & Gamble in Long Beach."

"I was married in 1959 to Janet Labory from Occidental and we now have one son, Richard, Jr., 3, and a daughter, Karen, born on June 29."

1960

MARSHALL LAPP, Ph.D. physicist at the General Electric Research Laboratories in Schenectady, sends some Eastern news: "Eighteen Caltech Alumni held a luncheon in honor of Dr. Royal W. Sorensen at the Mohawk Golf Club in Schenectady, New York, on June 6. Much table talk revolved around California smoke, current work, smoke, good of Joe, family life, and smoke. Dr. Sorensen, who was on an extended visit to Schenectady, Pittsfield, Philadelphia, and Toronto, described the present-day Caltech campus, the building program, and apprised the group of the whereabouts and work of those who were and are now active in Caltech life."

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