Personals

1922

HOWARD G. VESPER, vice president of the Standard Oil Company of California and a member of Caltech's board of trustees, has been appointed by President Johnson to the general advisory committee for the AEC.

1927

HALLAM E. MENDENHALL, PhD, retired from the Bell Telephone Laboratories last April after 36 years of service with the Bell System. He was executive assistant to the assistant vice president in eharge of university relations. Mendenhall joined Bell in 1928 and for 22 years specialized in research and development of vacuum tubes. After 1950 he was concerned with the Laboratories' educational programs. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Summit, N.J. A daughter Althea (wife of KENNETH M. HATCH, MS '53) lives in Florence, Oregon; a daughter Mrs. Harry G. Spencer is in Winchester, Oregon; and his son, Edward, is in Houston.

1929

V. LYMAN HOLDAWAY, MS '30, re-

cently celebrated his 35th year of service with the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He is currently an engineer in the company's optical device department in Murray Hill, N.J., and is a member of a group engaged in development of gas lasers. In his early years with Bell, Holdaway worked on the development of electron tubes for radio transmitters and public address systems. Later he was concerned with cold cathode tubes for telephone plants, and more recently with gas tubes for the protection of repeatered submarine cable systems.

1930

JOHN S. MURRAY has been elected president of the Standard Felt Division of the Victoreen Instrument Co. in Alhambra. Murray joined Standard Felt in 1934 as a chemist. When the firm was acquired by Victoreen in 1959, he became executive vice president and general manager of Standard Felt. In 1964 he was named vice president and a director of Victoreen.

1932

SAMUEL A. GUIBERSON writes that he has been an independent oil operator since selling The Guiberson Corp. to Dresser Industries several years ago. His headquarters are in Dallas, Texas, but he is currently working in Taft, Calif.

1938

MUNSON W. DOWD, MS '46, took part in ceremonies dedicating a memorial library to his father, the late MUNSON J. DOWD '18, at the Imperial Irrigation District's new headquarters in El Centro. Calif., on Oct. 12. Munson presented a picture of his father to the IID and made a speech of thanks for the commendatory resolution voted by the Assembly of the State of California on February 10, 1965, honoring his father's service to the people of Imperial Valley and California. Copies of the resolution were presented to members of the family at the ceremonies by Assemblyman Victor V. Veysey '36. Munson J., who died just 12 days after the resolution was passed (E&S, March 1965), was a pioneering engineer for the IID. His books and papers were presented to the new memorial library by his wife, Neva White Dowd, as a contribution to the historical records of irrigation.

JOHN K. MINASIAN, MS '44, consulting structural engineer with an office in Pasadena, is currently acting assistant chairman of the engineering division of California State College at Los Angeles, and vice president of the State of California Board of Registration for Civil and Professional Engineers. Minasian, who has specialized in tower construction for 15



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years, has been involved in the design of 80 towers, including the Space Needle in Seattle, launch towers for Atlas and Saturn missiles at Cape Kennedy, two television towers on Mt. Wilson, and restoration of the twin towers at the Santa Barbara Mission.

1948

EDWARD A. NORTH has been named computer operations supervisor of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. of Racine, Wis. He has been with the company since 1948 and has been programming supervisor for the last several years.

1953

SHELDON RUBIN, MS '54, PhD '56, has been appointed senior staff engineer

for the engineering sciences subdivision of the Aerospace Corporation's applied mechanics division in El Segundo. The division provides specialized assistance to a broad range of company programs, including Gemini launch vehicles, Titan III, and defense communications satellites. Rubin joined Aerospace in 1962 as a member of the dynamics section of the solid mechanics department, and was manager of its advanced studies section just prior to his new appointment.

1956

JAN L. ARPS has been elected president of the G.E.M. Corporation of Dallas, a subsidiary of D. R. McCord and Associates, Inc., which provides management and financial assistance to new, small, technically-oriented companies. He is also president of the Arps Corporation, a patent holding company in Dallas.

1957

FRANK BORMAN, MS, recently returned from a two-week, all-expense-paid, round-the-world flight. Borman is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

1959

ROBERT ROY BLANDFORD, PhD '64, was married to Mary Jane Corbett on December 18, at the Church of St. Thomas More in New York City. Bob is with the department of meteorology and oceanography at New York University.

1961

WILLIAM C. RIPKA has completed requirements for his PhD in organic chemistry at the University of Illinois in Urbana and has joined the research staff of the Du Pont Company's central research department at the experimental station near Wilmington, Del.

ALUMNI EVENTS

The Caltech Glee Club, making an Eastern tour, will be in New York and New Jersey March 20-27. Details in February $E \psi S$.

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