

PERSONALS

1917

Alexander Kensey was made president of the Coast Envelope Company in August. He has just completed 32 years of service with the firm, which has manufacturing plants in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and employs some 200 people.

1920

Mark A. Sawyer has been on the sick list, due to a heart attack, since the latter part of July. Now well on the road to recovery, he expects to be back on the job—Outside Plant Engineer of the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.—by the end of the year.

1922

Hallan N. Marsh, General Petroleum Corporation production engineer, was cited by the American Petroleum Institute "for distinguished service" at the Institute's annual meeting in Chicago last month. The citation detailed his 21 years of service to the Institute's standardization program for oil field equipment. He is currently National Chairman of the Committee on Standardization of Pumping Equipment and Engines.

Hallan, who lives in Huntington Park, has been with General Petroleum since 1923.

Linne C. Larsen attended a conference at the Fairbanks-Morse plant in Beloit, Michigan, last month, where some 150 consulting engineers inspected a new trash pump F.M. is about to introduce. On this junket Linne had a chance to visit Ed Groat '22, now vice-president of the Kelco-Burnett Electric Co. in Chicago. Ed's son Russell is attending Oxy, where he has been playing on the frosh football team.

1926

Nephi W. Cummings, Ph.D., who headed the science department of San Bernardino Valley College from 1927 to 1944, died on October 31 after a heart attack. An authority on water evaporation and its relation to soil conditions, Dr. Cummings had continued his research after his retirement from teaching.

1933

J. Lawrence Botsford, Ph.D. is now Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of Idaho in Moscow (Idaho).

1935

Col. Howard M. McCoy, M.S., former Chief of Intelligence Department, Air

Division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., has been transferred to Washington, D.C., for a year's study at the Army Industrial College.

Harold Schiller was married on February 6 of this year to Miss Lottice Ourin. The Schillers now live in Long Beach, where Hal just recently opened an unusual laboratory on Terminal Island, devoted to the study of the deterioration of materials of construction and use under marine conditions. The lab will also cater to the wood preservation industry, specializing in the problems of marine piling preservation. "If I don't go broke," Hal says philosophically, "I'll probably be successful."

1936

Deane E. Wooldridge, Ph.D., who worked at the Bell Labs in New York for ten years is now director of electronic research and development for the Hughes Aircraft Company.

Everett B. Henderson is the father of a boy, Donald Braun, born on October 27.

1937

LeVan Griffis, M.S. '38, Ph.D. '41, is now Professor and Chairman of Mechanics at the Illinois Institute of Technology and the Armour Research Foundation. On October 16 the Griffis's welcomed their fifth child (fourth son) Todd Harold. LeVan is ready to welcome any and all alumni to visit Technology Center when they're in Chicago.

Arthur E. Harrison, M.S., Ph.D. '40, returned to the West Coast from Princeton, New Jersey in September, 1948. He is now an associate professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Washington in Seattle. During the past summer he divided his time between the Microwave Laboratory at Stanford and a vacation in the High Sierra country. He is on the entertainment committee for the ASEE convention in Seattle next June and is already offering to arrange anything except the weather.

Lawrence Fleming writes from Falls Church, Virginia: "Here's the whole story, Married Frances Heaney, Oxy '34, in November 1937. Son Jimmy born 1944. Have worked as Examiner, U.S. Patent Office, 1937-42, Electrical Engineer, Naval Ordnance Laboratory 1942-48, and am at present Senior Engineer, in Electronics

Division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C.

Andrew A. Fejer, M.S. '39, Ph.D. '45, Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Toledo, was appointed Head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering on September 1.

Nathan Scott, Ex-'37, composer-arranger for Republic Studios in Hollywood was guest speaker at the Y Forum held at the Institute on November 21. He spoke on "Music and the Movies." Scott got his degree from the University of California in 1937, went to work for NBC, and in 1942 became musical director for the Blue Network. He has been with Republic Studios since leaving the Army in 1946.

1938

Stephen J. Jennings became a father (first time) last March 25—a boy, Stephen Jr.

Leroy B. Kelly has also become a father—a girl, Cynthia Anne, born May 11 in Pasadena. Leroy is still with U.S.-N.O.T.S. in Pasadena, as head of the Applied Research Branch, Propulsion Division, U.O.D.

1940

L. Ivan Epstein, M.S. '41, is working for Bausch & Lomb in Rochester, New York. "Have a foreman's job classification," he says, "but only one assistant computing for me."

Robert S. Neiswander has resigned his position with Link Aviation to become Chief Electronics Engineer for the Stanley Aviation Corp. (President is Robert M. Stanley '35).

1941

Robert S. Rasmussen, Ph.D. died October 16 in Berkeley after an illness of three months.

1942

Carl Savit and his wife announce the birth of a son, Mark Noah, on October 10.

George P. Sutton, Supervisor of Propulsion Development for the North American Aviation Corp. in Downey, has been elected President of the Southern California Section of the American Rocket Society.

Henry W. Menard, Jr., M.S. '47, received a Ph.D. from Harvard in June.

1943

William Hovanitz, Ph.D., is now Professor of Biology at the University of San Francisco. He is living in Mill Valley.

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N. Orvis Frederick is a petroleum engineer in Oklahoma City, and the father of two small boys.

1944

Wesley R. Sandell received his Masters degree in Business Administration from Harvard in June.

Paul H. Winter is an engineer for the Department of Building and Safety, City of Los Angeles. He has two children—aged 3 months and 23 months.

Robert M. Weidman has interrupted his graduate study at the University of California to teach geology for a year at Fresno State College. He received an M.A. in geology from Indiana University last summer.

Richard B. Riddell, M.S., is living in Boston and working for a Masters degree at the New England Conservatory, where he received his B.Mus. this year. He has made professional appearances as a singer in Boston and Denver. He received a B.A. from the Univ. of Denver in 1947 and worked with the Lummus Co., also in Denver, through 1948.

Ronald S. Johnson and his wife announce the arrival of a daughter, Carol Anne, on October 27. They are living in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Wheeler J. North, not content with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, is back at the Institute working for the corresponding degree in Biology—to be followed by work for a Ph.D. (also in Biology). He intends to study the aging processes in animals and possibly in humans.

F. Otis Booth, Jr., and his wife were written up in the November issue of *The American Home* "as positive proof that the younger generation has not grown soft." They've just built—with their own hands—a six-room house on Pasadena's South Oak Knoll Ave. He recently finished up a graduate course in Business Administration at Stanford.

1945

Lt. Col. Laurence D. Ely, M.S. is stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany as an Aeronautical Engineer.

Leslie H. Levin was among those receiving a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard in June.

We've received another interesting letter from *Robert E. Leo* (Personals, May '49) saying that he had just returned to Arabia after a three weeks vacation in Italy. It was really more than a vacation, though, as he was married in Florence, Italy, on October 5 to Miss Cobi Kapteyn of Sassenheim, Holland.

"We had an enjoyable and interesting time visiting St. Peters, the Forum, etc. in Rome; the old churches, and the art exhibits of Florence; and the many fascinating things in Venice, Piazza San Marco; the Grand Canal by gondola, etc. Besides the ancient items of interest, it was an experience to taste the Italian cooking; and to appreciate the friendliness and good manners of most of the Italians. We ran into mountains of red tape with the American and Dutch consuls, the church, and the civil authorities to arrange the marriage, but through dispensations from Vatican City and the high tribunal of Florence, many letters and cables, much waiting, and the constant help of a few friends we accomplished the many-times-seemingly-impossible and were married in the limited time at our disposal.

"Am now the night supervisor here at radio station 'HZA' which is run by the Arabian America Oil Co. to provide contact with the incoming tankers that load at Ras Tanura; the various geology and exploration camps in the outlying regions of the Arabian desert; and with the company planes, two of which, the 'Camel' and the 'Gazelle'—both DS-4's—fly between Dhahran and New York."

John S. Jackson, Jr. is teaching physics at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville,

Kentucky and is married to a "very beautiful blonde from Louisville."

1946

Robert F. Sensibaugh has received a Masters degree in Business Administration from Harvard.

1947

L. Edward Klein, M.S. is engaged to Miss Crockett Leslie of St. Louis—where he's now living.

Robert Bearson and *Langdon C. Hedrick* both received Masters in Business Administration at Harvard's June Commencement.

Charoen Vadhanapanich is at UCLA working for a Ph.D. in Meteorology.

1948

Arthur N. Cox, Ph.D. is doing graduate work in the Astronomy Department at the University of Indiana.

Heinz G. Pfeiffer, Ph.D., is a Research Associate in the chemical division of General Electric's research laboratory in Schenectady, New York.

Robert Phillips is a second-year graduate student at Tech, majoring in chemistry and minoring in biology. He and his wife have a 19-month-old daughter, April.

George Feigen, Ph.D., has moved from USC to Stanford, where he will be Assistant Professor in the Physiology Department.

1949

Norman S. Domenico, M.S., was married this fall to Miss Shirley De Sabato in Denver.

Samuel Fong, Hugh Carter and *Wayne Herzig* are "batching" together in Sacramento. All three are employed by the state as mechanical engineers in the Division of Architecture.

Robert H. Blucker, Ph.D., has been awarded a two years research fellowship by the Imperial Chemical Industries Research Foundation, for further study at the University of Cambridge, England. He and his wife left for England this fall.

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