

JUNE MEETING

Annual Session Requires Your Attendance

Your June meeting is planned to particularly welcome the new members to our ranks, start them off with a bang, and remind the rest of us of the time when we were taking the same step. We also have the opportunity to see our own classmates and find out where and how far they have gone—married—how bald—how grey—how heavy—how many children—and so on.

Distinguished guests of the Association will be the eleven Institute Trustees, the Deans, Department Heads and the Comptroller. The newly elected directors will be introduced and retiring directors take a bow with the thanks of the Association. Those retiring are H. C. Hill '11, Allin Catlin '21, Wesley Hertenstein '25, J. Edward Kinsey '26, and Lawrence Gould '33.

CLASS REUNIONS

According to tradition, classes will sit as groups. Featured classes this year will be '34, '29, '24, etc., for five-year reunions — or would you call them multiquintennials? In any event, here is a get-together which you cannot afford to miss.

Light entertainment will be provided by Miss Markham's string trio during the dinner — and for dinner by the way, there will be a Surprise Menu.

You will be glad again to hear the silver oratory of Dr. Millikan, welcoming you back to the fold, if but for one night.

Principal speaker will be Dr. Henry Boorsook, Professor of Biochemistry at the Institute hence we are assured an interesting and instructive message. Professor Boorsook is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has received several advanced degrees from that institution. He has been a member of the California Institute staff since 1929.

TINY BALLOON LABS

New experiments with a flying cosmic ray laboratory are under way at the Institute, according to H. Victor Neher, Ph.D., '31, who is associated with Doctor Millikan in cosmic ray studies.

The automatic radio stations used in sending upper air data from rubber balloons to the earth have been adapted to cosmic ray studies. Four balloons bearing tiny radio stations to which electroscopes are attached have already been released. A five dollar reward is paid for the return of the balloons, one of which reached an altitude of 70,000 feet and was recovered in the ocean five miles south of Long Beach. Partial records have been obtained from the flights. This development is still in the experimental stage, however.

DANISH ROYALTY

Crown Prince Frederik and Princess Ingrid of Denmark and Iceland visited the Institute on April 6th. They were greeted by C. C. Lauritsen, Ph.D., '29, and were treated to a high voltage laboratory display, and visited the optical shop to view the polishing of the 200 inch telescope lens.

ALUMNI FIELD DAY AND STAG DINNER

It was held at Altadena Country Club on May 6th, was a fine party and everyone said he had a good time. There were ninety who stayed for the dinner and entertainment.

The afternoon started propitiously when the early arrivals found there was a swimming pool, but no water in it. It was much too cold to swim anyway—seems there was a little difficulty with the Health Department as to circulating and chlorinating systems which appeared as a minus quantity. Other sports fared better—golf had thirty-seven devotees out, and the blind bogey prizes were won by Al Kensey '17, Doug Stromsoe '23, and Don Warren '38. Softball was enthusiastically enjoyed by the thirsty who stayed with it almost all afternoon. If there were performers who particularly distinguished themselves, their laurels were not posted so high as to obtain recognition. Tennis was indulged in by a few of its constant adherents, and horseshoes came in for its share of participants.

Dinner was enlivened during and after by ad libs from President Kinsey who also awarded the golf prizes, and a demonstration in pulchritude was presided over by Chairman Shield. Technical proficiency as to timing at least was aptly attained by Bentley Copeland ex'24, who, we trust, made a lasting record of the performance. The assemblage then adjourned to the locker rooms, and various kinds, degrees, and intensities of card games were indulged in until—well, next day was Sunday, anyhow.

IN MEMORIAM WADSWORTH

Hiram W. Wadsworth, senior member of the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology, passed away on April 12, 1939, at the age of 76, in Pasadena.

Mr. Wadsworth was a man with a high sense of civic responsibility having served as chairman of the board of directors of the City of Pasadena, president of the Colorado River Aqueduct Association from 1924 to 1929, until the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was assured, and member of the City Planning Commission of Pasadena from 1924 to 1927.

Mr. Wadsworth had been a member of the Board of Trustees for many years. He was very active in the period of the Institute's greatest growth from a single building to the campus of today.

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Jack Switzer, x'26, of La Junta, Colorado, died on April 22, 1939, at Pueblo, Colorado, after an illness of several months duration. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

At the time of his death he was assistant treasurer of the La Junta Finance and Investment Company and had previously been employed by the Pacific Finance Company.