Conducted by George Langsner, ’31

Have you any bit of news about yourself or fellow Tech men? Marriages, births, promotions, job changes, papers published, honors received are all items of interest to the rest of us so write your information on a penny postcard and address it to the Editor, CALTECH ALUMNI REVIEW.

1918

M. J. Dowd, Chief Engineer and General Superintendent of the Imperial Irrigation District, addressed the annual convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers in San Francisco last July on “Silt Problems of the Imperial Irrigation District Resulting from the Completion of Hoover Dam.”

Frank Capra has organized Frank Capra Productions, Inc., in association with Robert Riskin. Capra and Riskin teamed together for six years turning out such successes as It Happened One Night, Mr. Deeds Goes to Town, Lost Horizon, You Can’t Take it With You.

1920

Harry P. St. Clair, who is with the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, addressed the annual convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in San Francisco in June on “The Use of Multi-Winding Transformers for System Voltage Regulation.”

1921

Dr. Arthur L. Klein, who is associate professor of aeronautics at the Institute, addressed the Los Angeles section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers last May on the design of equipment and apparatus used in aeronautical testing and research.

1922

Kellogg Krebs, x22, has been appointed assistant resident manager of the Azusa, Calif., office of the American Cyanamid and Chemical Corporation.

Linne Larson was recently promoted to Captain in the Engineer Reserve Corps, U.S.A., and recently completed a tour of active duty at March Field, California, with the 604th Engineer Battalion.

1924

Oliver W. Kilham has been appointed chief engineer of the American Pipe and Steel Corporation at Alhambra, California. Colin W. Timmons, x23, is president of the Corporation.

1925

Neil D. Smith has been appointed City Manager of Ontario, California, and he will also act as City Engineer, head of the Water Department, and Superintendent of Streets.

1926

J. Edward Kinsey has been named as a member of the executive committee of the Los Angeles Community Chest, and will again head the Business Division in the forthcoming campaign.

Ivan Farman, who is a 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, received his master’s degree in meteorology at the Institute in June and has been assigned to March Field, California, where he is Weather Officer.

1927

Dr. John H. Maxson, who is assistant professor of geology at the Institute, was married to Miss Helen Ward in Pasadena on September 6th.

Dr. Carl D. Anderson spoke over the Columbia Broadcasting System network on June 5th on a Science Service program from Washington, D. C., discussing cosmic rays and the positron.

Dr. Frank A. Nickell, geologist for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, discussed the geology of dam sites at the recent convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers in San Francisco.

Florent H. Bailey, who is with the Panpetro Oil Company in Caracas, Venezuela, flew to Miami and visited the Institute to interview civil engineering and geology graduates for his company.

Borice Z. Boris is the father of twins, Alan and Barbara, born on August 7th in Los Angeles.

1928

Arnold O. Beckman, Ph.D., has been elected a councillor of the Southern California Section of the American Chemical Society.

Carlos L. Corcuera, x28, is manager of refineries for the Mexican government, and as such was mentioned in the recent Saturday Evening Post article, “What Has Happened to Mexico’s Oil.” One of his assistants at the Aguila refineries is Alfonso C. Buines, x33.


G. Austin Schroter, x28, manager of Mines and Exploration of the Filtrol Corporation, presented a paper on recent trends in absorbent clay technology at the Golden Gate meeting of the American Ceramic Society in San Francisco, August 11th.

Edward Jouon-Roche is the father of a daughter, Ann, born on July 21, 1939.

Philip Durfee is on active duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a first lieutenant and is stationed at Hamilton Field, near San Francisco.

Albert E. Lombard, Jr., received his doctor’s degree from the Institute in June, and he has been appointed assistant professor of aeronautics at the Institute.

1929

Lawrence J. Grunder has been elected councillor of the Southern California section of the Society of Automotive Engineers for the coming year.

Willard A. Findlay sailed early this month for Karachi, India, where he will be geologist for the Standard Oil Co. of California. Findlay has previously seen duty in Australia and Portuguese East Africa.

1930

Francis D. Bode has returned to his duties as instructor in geology at the Institute after being on leave for two years doing geological mapping and exploration in North Africa. The greater part of his work was in Ethiopia, following the Italian occupation, with the last six months being spent in Egypt.

Robert W. Wilson is now an instructor in geology at the University of Colorado, and was in charge of classifying fossils uncovered in the vicinity of Lake Mead for the National Park Service during the summer.

R. Stanley Lord, assistant hydraulic engineer for the Water Resources Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey, has been transferred to the Washington headquarters of the Survey.

Donald P. Barnes, M.S., of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, discussed hydraulic testing at the recent convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Robert Ramey, x30, was married to Miss Muriel Rolls in San Francisco on June 3rd.
1931
Sam Eastman wishes to announce that the firm of Dozier Graham Eastman, specializing in advertising and merchandising counsel on industrial and technical products, has moved its offices to the Bendix Building in Los Angeles.

George Rice, III, was married to Miss Onis Danielson in Los Angeles on June 18th.

Wallace Johnson is now machinery sales engineer for the Moore Machinery Co. in Los Angeles.

Robert John Hallanger was married to Miss Virginia Van Arsle in Riverside, California, on September 9th.

Claude T. Scott was married to Miss Lynn Hargett in Yuma, Arizona, on June 23rd.

1932
Brian Sparks, who is a co-pilot for Pan-American Airways, on the Transpacific route, addressed the student body of the Institute last May, on “Flying the Pacific.”

J. H. A. Brahtz, Ph.D., engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, delivered a paper on “Determination of Stress by the Use of Indirect and Mathematical Methods” in the Symposium on Masonry Dams at the recent convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and discussion on his paper was led by Carl H. Hellbron, 25, associate engineer, U. S. Engineer Office, Los Angeles.

William H. Clausen is the proud father of a daughter, Jane, born on July 27th.

William Bergren is assistant conductor of the Pasadena Musical Festival Chorus, which presented a performance of “Jeptha,” at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium last June.

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Nelson P. Nies received his doctor's degree from Western Reserve University in June, and is now at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

James B. Stoddard was married to Miss Florence Estill Alden in Los Angeles on July 12, 1939.

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