CHANGES IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology, two new members were elected to the Board and various changes were made in the personnel of the officers. All the men involved are prominent in the business, professional, and civic life of Southern California.

The two new trustees are John O'Melveny and Reese H. Taylor. Mr. O'Melveny is the managing partner in the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers. A native of Los Angeles, he was educated in the Los Angeles public schools, the University of California, and the Harvard Law School. During the World War, he served as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. He was for two years president of the Southern California Legal Aid Clinic. For the past ten years he has been a director of the Union Bank and Trust Company; and he has also served on numerous other boards of directors.

Mr. Taylor is also a native of Los Angeles. He was educated in the Los Angeles public schools, Cornell University, and the University of California. His business activities include a series of administrative offices in the Llewellyn Iron Works and later the Consolidated Steel Corporation. He resigned from the presidency of the latter company in 1938, to become president of the Union Oil Company of California and its subsidiaries. He is a member of the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers, the American Petroleum Institute, the California Oil and Gas Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the All-Year Club of Southern California.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, which manages the investment of the Institute's endowment funds, lost one of its most valuable members last winter through the death of Dr. L. D. Ricketts. Dr. Harry J. Bauer was elected to fill this vacancy. Mr. Bauer, who is the president of the Southern California Edison Company Ltd., was born in Pasadena and educated in Southern California, receiving his LL.B. degree from the University of Southern California. He is a director of the California Bank, the Title Insurance and Trust Company, the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation, the Earl Fruit Company, and the Community Welfare Federation. In addition to heading the Southern California Edison Company, he is also president of the Long Bay Corporation, the Spring Street Realty Company, the Community Development Association, and the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Other changes in the Board involve the officers. Henry W. O'Melveny was elected First Vice-President, filling the office left vacant by the death of Dr. L. D. Ricketts. John S. Cravens was elected Second Vice-President, the office which had been filled until this meeting by Henry W. O'Melveny. And Alexander B. Macbeth was elected Third Vice-President.

Mr. Henry W. O'Melveny was born in Illinois and came to California at the age of ten. He was graduated from the University of California in 1879 and admitted to the bar two years later. He has engaged in the general practice of law ever since. In 1905 he founded his own law firm, remaining at the head of the firm to this day.

He is a director of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, the Jotham Bixby Company, the Bixby Land Company, and the L. N. Van Nuys Building. He is president of the Barlow Sanatorium Association, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. In the past he was a deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City Park Commissioner, State Park Commissioner, Civil Service Commissioner of Los Angeles, and president of the American Bar, State Bar of California, and Los Angeles Bar Associations. He has been intimately connected with the development of many of the outstanding enterprises of Southern California; and in the midst of a busy professional and civic life he has found time to pursue his hobbies of gardening and angling.

Mr. Cravens was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and was educated in the Kansas City public schools and Yale University. At Yale he was leader of the University Glee Club,
played intercollegiate tennis, and rowed on the Yale crew. He settled in Pasadena in 1897, where he has made his home ever since. Shortly after coming to California, he became president of the Edison Electric Company, predecessor of the present Southern California Edison Company. Later he became president of the Southwestern National Bank of Los Angeles, which later merged with the First National group. He is now closely interested in the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Mr. Macbeth, who is a grandson of Grover A. Trenholm, Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederate States during the last part of the Civil War, was born in South Carolina. He was educated at the Porter Military Academy and the Stevens Institute of Technology, which in 1936 conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering.

After filling various positions in gas companies in Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Kansas City, he came to Southern California

in 1914 as vice-president and general manager of the Southern California Gas Company and Midway Gas Company. He became executive vice-president of the Southern California Gas Company in 1925 and president in 1927, retiring from the latter position in 1939.

He is now a director of the Union Oil Company, the Union Bank and Trust Company, the Southern California Gas Company, the Pacific Lighting Corporation, the All-Year Club of Southern California, vice-president of the Automobile Club of Southern California, and a trustee of Stevens Institute of Technology.

In the past he has been president of the Natural Gas Association of America, the American Gas Association, the Chamber of Mines and Oils, and vice-president of the American Petroleum Institute.

RENEW SEARCH FOR RAY SOURCE

As soon as their instruments and equipment are assembled, two Institute scientists will depart to renew one of the greatest quests of modern science—search for the source of cosmic ray energy.

The two men are Dr. H. Victor Neher, Ph.D., '31, and Dr. William Pickering, Ph.D., '36, both of whom accompanied Dr. Millikan on his cosmic ray expedition to the Orient in 1939. The pair will take ten electrosopes to record the frequency of radiation; these will be sent aloft with sounding balloons to 100,000 feet and lowered to earth by small parachutes when the balloons burst. The research work will be carried on in the Dust Bowl area in the Middle West.