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DUBRIDGE SPEAKS TO NEW YORK CHAPTER

RICHARD K. Pond '39 reports on the New York Chapter of the Alumni Association, of which he is secretary-treasurer:

"... It was a real pleasure for us to announce our first meeting of the 1946-1947 season because we were able to commence a series of outstanding programs with a real special event.

"During one of New York's equinoctial storms (L.A. editors please note this expression), the New York Chapter had as their guest of honor for the evening, Dr. L. A. DuBridge, the new president of California Tech. Dr. DuBridge was in the city on official business for the American Physical Society, and was able to squeeze in three hours with the Alumni and ladies. Although it was Saturday night, September 21st, 37 guests and wives turned out at the Hotel Holley in Manhattan, to listen to the first official speech on the part of the new president.

"He explained fully the plan which was materializing for new staff, housing and association with other scientific institutes in California. He also enlarged upon a change in program from secret military projects to those of more general fundamental scientific interest.

"Incidentally it turned out to be Dr. DuBridge's birthday. His regime, which we trust will be as fruitful as Dr. Millkan's during the next 25 years, was properly inaugurated with blown candles on a 'Happy Birthday Cake.'

"At the same meeting the New York Alumni entertained Dr. Carl Anderson and Professor Robert Brode of the University of California. They were kind enough to discuss some of their plans and work on cosmic rays.

"It was one of the most successful, interesting, and entertaining evenings the Chapter has had for some time. Everyone felt particularly honored at having attended Dr. DuBridge's interesting talk; his first since he has taken active control of the Institute's affairs.

"President Evan Johnson proposed and received a vote of confidence to have at a future an unbiased speaker in the field of unionization of professional engineers."

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST FALL MEETING

THE FIRST fall dinner meeting of the Southern California group of the Alumni Association was held October 22 at the Acme Brewery in Vernon. Director Harold M. Huston reports on its success:

"The vision of plenty of beer and good food for one dollar were powerful lures, and 200 thirsty and hungry Tech men wrote or phoned for reservations. But with the maximum number limited to 75, the affair was a sell-out within three days.

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"The meeting was held in Acme's Sequoia Lodge, a rugged, one-story, gabled-roof building with that 'come-hither' look on the outside, and the interior just as convincing. Paul Bunyan must have built it. The ceiling is heavily beamed, the pillars of whole, hewn trees, and the side-walls massively knee-braced. Quite an unusual place, truly an oasis in the Vernon industrial desert, and an old haunt of our dignified Association president, Allen Laws, according to the Acme Brewery manager, Mr. Perry Hansen.

"An ideal engineer's night out, the meeting proved to be the kind we like best after a hard day. First, a prolonged stress-relieving, talking and soaking period before dinner. Then a good meal. And finally, a not-too-strenuous inspection trip. For this kind of therapeutic treatment Acme Brewery has an efficient, line-production layout, consisting of series-connected bar, dining room, and brewery, plus convenient auxiliary facilities.

"For most of those present the 'kiss of the hops' cast quite a spell, and they were somewhat reticent to eat when summoned. But dinner proved a worthwhile diversion. Designed and served by Acme's Mater D, Mr. A. D. (Tony) Ferrari, the repast started with some 'trick' celery hearts previously boiled, then given a delayed treatment with vinegar. (The Latin name for this escapes me.) Next came a teaser of thin-sliced smoked spring salmon, followed by the entre: roast veal previously marinated in sour cream, wine and vinegar, for 10 days under refrigeration. Truly a triumph in culinary chemistry.

"The inspection trip through the brewery was a sobering experience, intellectually and otherwise. The capacity of just this one brewery is 750,000 barrels a year, with expansion soon to a million and a half barrels. Considering the local population, it would seem that many of us are (fortunately) drinking less than our quota of beer. The inspection of the plant was thorough and enjoyable, but quite eventless except for one unfortunate incident. Some thoughtless engineer suggested that the sacred and traditional brewmaster be replaced by a small control lab and two young chemists. This man's name is withheld until next of kin are notified.

"During the usual belt-loosening lull after dinner, Allen Laws sandwiched in a little Association news and business, one item of which was the report that the recent increase in dues had been accompanied by an increase in membership, the net result of which

is that we remain solvent and respectable, and need not draw on the loan proffered by the Institute and Board of Trustees. Program Chairman Fred Schell, who arranged the meeting, also spoke briefly, indicating that the evening was without cost to the Association, but that the dollar charge was largely absorbed by mailing, printing and reply costs. He also indicated that repeat performance was impossible this year. Maybe next year, huh?"

CALTECH-OXY ALUMNI MEETING

SOMETHING new has been added to the Caltech-Occidental rivalry! On October 23 at the Pasadena Athletic Club there was held a most interesting and enlightening luncheon meeting. Alumni of Caltech and Occidental, at the invitation of the alumni of Occidental, met to get the "low down" on who would win the traditional gridiron contest to be held the following Friday night.

The "classics" versus the "exact sciences" experiment produced everything except the final score. Introduced for statements, to be with or without predilection, was a galaxy of potentates including the Occidental College President, Dr. Coons, and the President-elect of Caltech, Dr. DuBridge. The friendly rivalry existing between the two schools was welcomed by both presidents. Opinions as to the outcome of the game (some of them pretty well hedged) were voiced by the respective athletic managers, by the student body presidents, by members of the football squads, and by representatives of the press.

The war of nerves was soothed by the Occidental Quartet, which presented three beautifully sung numbers, after which the real barrage was loosed. The Occidental coach, Ray Dennis, and Mason Anderson discussed the potentialities of their respective teams. The final concensus of opinion was that "the better team will win" with the Beavers a "mystery" team of neophytes and the Tigers a "bomb" with a lit fuse of unknown length.

There followed a showing of a selected short subject on "football thrills." The meeting was adjourned with everyone present being positive that a well worthwhile experiment had been consummated, a noble precedent established, and that a repeat performance was mandatory for next year.

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FIFTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLAR OVERSTATEMENT

A proofreader's oversight in the October issue produced the optimistic statement that a \$60,000,000 grant to the Institute from the Rockefeller Foundation was being used for the construction of the

Mount Palomar Observatory and 200-inch telescope. Dr. DuBridge's office observes that the amount mentioned by C.I.T.'s new president was \$6,000,000, a sufficient sum to assure completion of the greatest astronomical observatory in the world.

PERSONALS

1918

MILTON W. WELDON is president and general manager of the Porter Safety Brake Company.

1922

LINNÉ C. LARSON was recently relieved of active duty as major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. He has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, in Los Angeles.

1927

M. MAXWELL BOWER, formerly Major Bower of the Army Signal Corps, recently visited this area in connection with a new cross-country cable installation by the American Tel. & Tel. Co. and the Bell Laboratories.

ALAN E. CAPON was recently appointed chief electrical engineer for the City of Burbank, Calif. He has responsible charge of electrical installations for a new steam electric generating plant as well as other responsible supervisory duties in the Public Service Department.

1928

LUTHER EASTMAN is working as assistant valuation engineer of the California Railroad Commission in Sacramento.

FRANK NOEL has been married 11 years and has a daughter 9 and a son aged 6. Frank is assistant highway engineer, Division of Highways at Stockton. At present on construction engineering, working on a four-lane highway north of Merced and on repair work through Atwater. He reports: "Post-war highway traffic is terrific."

1929

ALLEN W. DUNN commanded an Engineer G. S. Regiment and saw duty in England, France and Okinawa working on primary jobs and heavy construction such as airports, hospitals, railroads

and water supplies. Allen is living in Arcadia and working at the Southern California Telephone Company in Los Angeles.

1931

GLENN J. CHAMBERLAIN came to Southern California because of the serious illness of his father, and has decided to stay—it looked so good to him and his family including three sons. Glenn has recently taken a job with Bechtel Bros. McCone.

1932

WILLIAM R. BERGREN is back at Tech for reading and research prior to settling down again after being discharged from the Army where he served as a major in the Nutrition Branch of the Sanitary Corps.

JOHN L. COX is now employed at the Naval Ordnance Test Station in Pasadena.

KENNETH SWART is chief engineer at the Security Engineering Company at Whittier. Ken will be back east attending the A.P.I. convention in Chicago which takes place in November. He is hoping to see some of his Caltech friends who reside in the "Windy City."

WILLIAM SAYLOR is one of a triangular partnership (the other two being the above mentioned Cox and Swart) who recently completed a desert cabin near Victorville.

1934

RAY W. HASKINS is working as a market research specialist with the Carpenter Steel Company in Reading, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD B. JOHNSON visited the campus recently and tells he is still with the Inspection Department at Lockheed.

1935

ARTHUR E. ENGELDER is currently studying medicine and pathology at the Post-Graduate School of Medicine of Duke University. He recently was released from active duty with the Army

where he was a major in the Medical Corps.

DR. H. S. RIBNER still likes to call himself a physicist after nearly six years at the Langley Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Virginia. When R. T. (Sweepback) JONES recently transferred to NACA's Ames Lab. in California, Herb was upped to head of the Stability Analysis section. Herb claims he doesn't know anything about stability, so he's horning in on supersonic aerodynamics. He says he doesn't know anything about that either, but he insists that keeps him free of bias—. His concluding remark is that Hampton Roads area is a wonderful spot for ducks and ghost fleets, but he'll take a short beer.

1936

CHARLES W. BEST saw three years service in the Army as a master sergeant and his stations included Oahu, Okinawa and Korea. Charles took up his civilian life with a bang by getting married to a Minnesota girl, Miss Josephine E. Thomas and resuming his previous position with the J. H. Baxter Company in Long Beach.

HUGH F. COLVIN recently changed positions and is now general manager of the Southern California Heating Service Company with offices in Pasadena and Arcadia.

RAY A. JENSEN is residing in Hermosa Beach while awaiting the completion of a new home in West Los Angeles.

1937

CHARLES F. HADLEY is now in Tulsa, Oklahoma doing research for Stanolind Oil Company of Indiana. During the war he was research associate at Harvard University working on Counter-radar and also at Stanford for Sperry of New York. He was married in 1942 and has a one-year-old daughter.

R. BRUCE LOCKWOOD recently left the employ of Lockheed to engage in Consulting Geology in partnership with J. Gordon Cole with offices in Los Angeles. His home is in Burbank where he resides with wife and daughter Lynda, age two.

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JOHN SELBERG and his wife, announce the arrival of John Ryan Selberg on September 29th, weighing in at nine pounds five and one-half ounces.

1938

THOMAS V. DAVIS was an engineer at the Atomic Bomb Project at Los Alamos. He is taking graduate work at Tech in Civil and Aeronautical Engineering and is resident associate at Blacker House.

CARL F. FRIEND has changed positions and is now employed at the Pacific Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation in North Hollywood.

1939

JOHN W. BLACK has just moved into his recently completed new home in Westwood. Johnny is employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company as a project engineer.

1940

RAYMOND C. BAIRD is with the Fluor Corporation and working in acoustical research in connection with industrial muffler design. He recently purchased a home in Westchester Heights and sings (professionally) as baritone soloist at the Westwood Community Methodist Church.

GERALD P. FOSTER and his wife are the proud parents of a little girl whom they named Shirley Ann. She was born on September 18.

WILLYS LEMM is employed as a mechanical engineer at the Pasadena branch of the Naval Ordnance Testing Station.

1941

NEWELL PARTCH has recently joined the Johnson Company after serving two years in the United States Naval Reserve. Stationed at the David Taylor Model Basin, Washington, D. C., he was charged with the development of high-speed camera equipment and of acoustic counter-measures for use in pro-submarine warfare. He also had additional duty in the investigation of captured enemy equipment.

JOSEPH WEISS returned to work for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in their Los Angeles office, having transferred from their Pittsburgh plant where he was originally employed. His present assignment is panelboard specialist, advising the sales engineers.

1942

EDWARD BARTLETT is teaching assistant at Tech and a graduate student in mechanical engineering.

WARREN A. HALL was released from the Navy in September. His last station was at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, which he left on September 10 and drove across the country visiting various points of interest and arriving here October 12. Warren now lists auto and tire difficulties as sore subjects—he really had a time.

WILLIAM T. HOLSER spent the summer in southeast Alaska with the U. S. Geological Survey, surveying non-metallic mineral deposits. He is now at Columbia University after having accepted a staff appointment of lecturer in Geology and is also studying for a Ph.D.

JOHN W. MILES has returned to California. He is now an Assistant Professor in the Engineering department of U.C.L.A. and also a consultant to Northrup Aircraft Inc. and North American Aviation Inc.

MERLE SMALLBERG is just out of the Marine Corps where he saw service in North China occupational forces for the past year. He is now working for Bendix Aviation in this area.

LAWRENCE SMITH and wife Jean announce the birth of their second child in July. She has been named Laurene Ann.

GEORGE P. SUTTON is the proud father of Marilyn Jean born in September. George has been promoted to supervisor at North American Aviation Inc.

1943

EVERETT J. MACARTNEY was married in October to Miss Frances Peck of Honolulu. They will live in Los Angeles as Everett is working for the Southern California Gas Co.

RICHARD A. SUTTON has been discharged from the Navy and is now at C.I.T. doing graduate work in mechanical engineering. His wife is a Scottish girl whom Dick met and married while serving in Britain.

RALPH M. WILLITS has just returned from an extended vacation to the Northwest, seeing Seattle, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Bryce and Zion Parks. Ralph served as a radar officer on P. T. boats.

1944

WILLIS A. BUSSARD was married to the former Miss Jean Mount on the fifth of October at Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Willis is employed with Dupont at Martinsville, Virginia.

ILIF ROSS DANA JR. has accepted a position with the Haddock Construction Co.

FRANK B. CLENDENEN is awaiting transportation to Maui and the East Maui Irrigation Company in Hawaii to see about a position with them. Frank was recently released from the Navy where he had the rank of ensign.

FRED W. MORRIS JR. is teaching at the East Los Angeles Jr. College, instructing on a full time basis in college algebra, intermediate algebra, college physics and engineering drawing. He is also taking graduate work in education at Occidental.

ROBERT O. RANDALL was discharged from the Navy recently. While in service he was stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico as communication watch Officer.

RAYMOND A. SAPLIS is with Okinawa Geological Survey.

DOYLE WILCOX married Miss Eunice Fuller in June. They are living in Pasadena as Doyle is an electronics research engineer for the Consolidated Engineering Corporation.

1945

GEORGE FENN is now with Northrop Aircraft working on control mechanisms.

LARRY HALL was an aviation cadet in the U.S.N.R. at the time of his release. He is now employed by the Consolidated Engineering Corp. as a research engineer.

DONALD M. LEINWEBER was with the Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the Naval Reserve which flew the area and made aircraft reports before, after and during the bomb blast on "Baker Day". Donald has returned to his home in Lee's Summit, Missouri following his release from active duty.

BRUCE R. VERNIER has been employed at Douglas Aircraft Co.

THAYNE H. YOUNG is getting back to civilian life after seeing service in the Navy.

1946

PHIL H. BENTON was separated from the Navy and has obtained a position in engineering on Southern California.

CLAUDE L. CARTER has moved to Santa Monica and was recently employed at Douglas Aircraft Company in the mechanical section of the engineering department.

TED DEHNKE is employed by the Dow Chemical Company in the plastics planning and engineering division at Midland, Michigan.

HENRY W. SCHROEDER is living at Fleming House on campus while taking graduate work in electrical engineering.

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