

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Ward Foster

**WARD D. FOSTER '27**, patent lawyer with the firm of Harris, Kiech, Foster & Harris, of Los Angeles, died in Glendale on April 9, at the age of 47. Incapacitated by a severe illness since December 4, 1950, Ward had been confined to his home, which, during recent months, was at 1016 Marion Drive, Glendale.

As an undergraduate, Ward served as Student Body President in his senior year. He was a member of many campus organizations, including the *Big T* staff, the *California Tech* staff, the Debate and Drama Clubs, the Gamma Sigma fraternity, and Tau Beta Pi. He received an honor key in his junior and senior years.

After graduation from Caltech, Ward attended the Law School of the University of Southern California. He was admitted to practice before the State and Federal courts in 1930, and before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1950. He practiced extensively before the Patent Office and the Federal Courts and became

well known in California and other states as a brilliant trial lawyer in patent matters.

Ward had been active in the Alumni Association, and served as president in 1937-38.

In 1930 he married Miss Nina Hessenflow of Glendale, who survives him.

## Chapter Notes

**THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER** will hold a dinner meeting on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Iron Gate Inn, 1734 N Street, N. W. This will be during the week of the meetings of the American Physical Society in Washington, and any alumni in the area are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling or writing Charles R. Cutler, c/o Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis, 16th and K Streets, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. The phone number is Sterling 3200.

**THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER** met on March 15 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

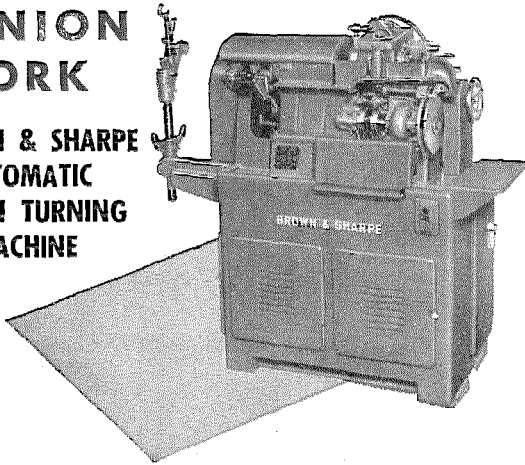
President: W. Layton Stanton '27, Ph.D. '31

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The first organizational meeting of the Sacramento Chapter was held almost exactly a year ago, on March

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30, 1951, and the chapter was officially established by charter on April 17, 1951. During the first year of its existence membership has grown to approximately 30.

Howard G. Vesper '22, president of the California Research Corporation, was guest speaker at last month's meeting. He spoke on the international oil situation.

The Sacramento Chapter extends an invitation to any visiting alumni to attend its regular monthly luncheon at the University Club, held on the first Friday of each month. No advance notice or reservations are necessary.

**Fleming Reunion**

**FLEMING HOUSE** will hold the first of what it hopes will be an annual series of reunions on Sunday, May 18. This will be a get-together of all alumni and present members of the house.

Sunday lunch will be served in the Fleming Dining Room, and extra tables will be set up in the court. The afternoon will feature a softball game in Tournament Park between the present members of the house and a team composed of its alumni.

The remainder of the activities will be devoted to

swapping stories, past and present, of college days. Wives and girl friends will be invited—though there will be a limit of one to a customer.

**DuBridge Letter**

**ALUMNI** SHOULD be interested in the following letter which Bob Sharp, President of the Alumni Association, recently received from Dr. DuBridge, President of the Institute.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Each year the Institute sends to its principal contributors a copy of its Annual Report, with a note of appreciation. I assure you that I take particular pleasure in doing this in the case of the alumni. The Alumni Association of Caltech is only a few years old, yet today it is one of the three or four *most important* benefactors of the Institute. All of us have the greatest admiration and respect for the work of the Alumni officers and directors, and for all of the individual alumni whose contributions have made the Alumni Fund what it is today. I hope that you as President can convey to your Board and to your membership the deep gratitude of the Institute.

Sincerely,

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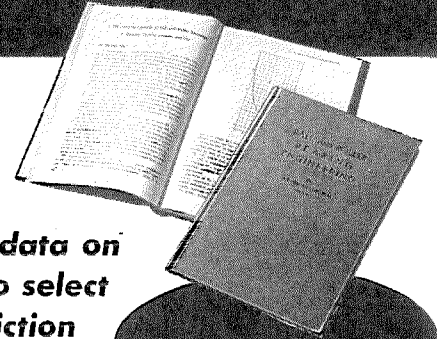
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