

PERSONALS

1923

Donald H. Loughridge, Ph.D. '27, changed his position this spring from Senior Scientific Advisor to the Secretary of the Army (which he'd held for the past three years) to Assistant Director of the Reactor Division of the Atomic Energy Commission. Don's just bought a new home in the woods in Virginia and would enjoy having any Tech alumni who may be passing through Washington get in touch with him. "One of the virtues of being in the District," he claims, "is that sooner or later all your friends seem to come through."

1924

Carl F. Eyring passed away last January in Provo, Utah, where he was Professor of Physics and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Brigham Young University. *Vladimir A. Kalichevsky*, Consulting Chemical Engineer with the Magnolia Petroleum Co. in Beaumont, Texas, has completed two years of starting and organizing the Process Control Laboratory. The laboratory presented him with a scroll on his return to the main office.

1925

Frank Clayton writes from Fort Worth, Texas, where he's still Chief Plant Engineer at the Convair B-36 plant. Things are booming again there, with employment up to its wartime levels. Frank notes that his oldest son, 17, will start at the University of Texas next fall.

1926

Edgar P. Valby is still with Richfield Oil. He was transferred in January, 1950 to Bakersfield. The Valbys have three boys: Larry, 9; George, 6; and Richard 3½.

Roscoe Gockley is still with Southern California Edison as an Engineer in Electrical Design—which means substation and powerhouse design, new and rebuild. Roscoe had a bout with a bad heart this spring, which put him in the hospital for a while, but he's on the mend again now.

R. B. Bowman had to miss the 25th reunion of the class of '26 this year because he was celebrating completion of his 25th year with Standard of California by taking a five-week vacation in Canada. He's now an Associate Director of the

California Research Corp. in San Francisco. He has a 12-acre walnut ranch in Concord, where alumni and their wives, living in the San Francisco area, gather every year, on the Saturday before Labor Day, for a swimming party.

1927

Bill Minkler writes from Pittsburgh, Pa., that he's recently become Manager of Engineering Staff Member in the Atomic Power Division of Westinghouse. Bill says he's still got two children and several gray hairs, but no cane or crutches yet.

1929

Richard M. Sutton, Ph.D., rounding out 20 years as Professor of Physics at Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., writes that he'll become a member of the staff of the General Electric Fellowship Program at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland this summer. Dick explains that this will be a six-week course for 50 selected Fellows—high school science teachers from the mid-western states who are brought to Cleveland by GE for a good refresher course. Dick was a member of the staff of this program in 1949; last summer

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Duane Roller, Ph.D. '29, of Wabash College took his place.

Guy L. Chilberg, M.S., was appointed General Plant Supervisor in the Washington-Idaho area of Pacific Tel & Tel, effective June 1. His office is in the Seattle headquarters.

1930

Ralph K. Day, Ph.D., of the glass technology division of the research department of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, Toledo, Ohio, was recently elected a fellow of the American Ceramic Society at its 53rd annual meeting in Chicago. Prior to joining LOF in 1944 Ralph was engaged in glass research at the Corning Glass Works in Corning, N. Y., the Spencer Lens Co. in Buffalo, and set up a special optical project for the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio, during World War II. At Libbey-Owens-Ford Ralph has supervision of the field group in glass technology research. The Days live in Maumee, Ohio.

1931

Byron B. Johnson, Lt. Comdr., C.E.C., USNR has a new address, which gives some indication of where he now is:

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Glenn Chamberlain has been running a business in Palo Alto as consulting en-

gineer (civil, electrical and mechanical) for the past three years.

Charles K. Lewis is working in the Power Division of the Bechtel Corp. in San Francisco. He's just moved into a new home in San Mateo, has four children—two male, two female; the oldest, male, graduated from grade school this spring; the youngest, female, is now in second grade.

1935

Herb Ribner writes from Parma Heights, Ohio, that a little red-head named Carol Anne arrived on May 11, a mere 31 minutes after his wife Lelia reached the hospital. Carol is their first child.

Herb was transferred from the N.A.C.A. Langley Field Laboratory to the Cleveland lab two years ago.

Louis T. Rader, M.S., Ph.D. '38, has been appointed assistant manager of engineering of the General Electric Company's Control Divisions at Schenectady, N.Y. He joined G.E. as a student engineer in 1937, and was assigned to the Control Engineering Division as a design engineer in 1939. In 1945 he accepted a position as head of the Electrical Engineering Department at the Illinois Institute of Technology, then rejoined G.E. in 1947.

1936

R. G. Heitz received a 15-year pin at a recent service award dinner held by the

Dow Chemical Company's Western Division in Pittsburg, Calif.

1937

Martin J. Poggi has been transferred from Fort Worth, Texas—where he started a branch office for the Airsupply Company and worked for two years as Installation Engineer—to Los Angeles, where he'll be working on installation engineering problems as necessary in the various Airsupply offices in Ft. Worth, Seattle and Wichita. The Poggi family—which now includes Virginia, 4, and Carol, 2—is living in Glendale.

1938

John C. Lilly, M.D., has been Assistant Professor of Biophysics in the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania since 1949. He's also in the Department of Medical Physics of the Medical School there. John spends about 90% of his time on brain physiology, and has found some "shapes" in the two-dimensional surface view of the brain's electrical activity. The other 10% of his time goes into a collateral interest in psychanalytical research; no returns are in on this yet.

John, Jr., who was born when his father was a Junior at Caltech, is now 14 years old; Charles R. is 8.

Major General Donald L. Putt, M.S., will be the principal speaker at the Fifth National Men of Science and Industry

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Dinner to be held on June 15 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. The dinner climaxes the 23rd annual convention of the American Council of Commercial Laboratories.

General Putt was assigned to Caltech while a member of the Air Force and received his M.S. here in Aeronautical Engineering. He is now Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Development Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, Washington, D. C. During his tour of duty he supervised the initiation, development and procurement of all Army Air Force experimental bombardment type aircraft—during which time such bombers as the B-36, B-35, B-29, B-26 and B-25 were developed. He is a member of the Research and Development Board and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

1939

J. Eugene Stones writes that a new boy joined the Stones family last January—which puts the score at two girls and three boys. Gene is still a geophysical supervisor for the Superior Oil Co., based in Oklahoma City. He recently made a 10-week trip to the Persian Gulf.

1940

G. R. Brown and his wife, the former

Floy McWilliams of Brownwood, have been living in Midland, Texas, since December, 1949, where he's District Petroleum Engineer for the Texas Company. The Browns have built a new house and, the last we heard, were fighting the bugs and wind in an attempt to raise a lawn and garden.

1941

J. F. Rominger brings us up to date with the information that he finished his grad work at Northwestern in 1948, and has spent the last three years as a research geologist for the Carter Oil Company (a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey) in and out of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Last summer he was in the field in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Last fall the Romingers built a house in Tulsa, but were in it only a couple of months when they were shipped off to live in a company house in Venezuela. They're due back home in August.

Frank G. Casserly is now a Major in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed with the Marine Corps Equipment Board in Quantico, as an electronics test officer. Assisting him is 1st Lt. *Richard K. Kuck* '46.

Paul Lieber, M.S., has just been appointed Associate Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute located in Troy, New York.

1942

Forest M. Clingan, Lt., U.S.N., writes that, in mid-December, he was transferred from Washington, D. C., to Honolulu, where—after a wonderful drive across the country—the Clingans are now settled down again.

David L. Hill writes from Nashville that he was married last December 31 to Mary Shadow, a Tennessee legislator. He spent last summer at the Institute for Teoretisk Fysik in Copenhagen, by invitation of Prof. Niels Bohr, to carry forward work on fission theory.

Edwin R. Fay, M.S., is working as architectural draftsman for a firm specializing in commercial and school buildings in Fort Worth, Texas. The Fays have a son, Bryan Peters, born on April 20.

1943

Ralph Willits of Monrovia was called back into the Navy early this year. He's now a Lieutenant and Operations Officer aboard the USS Douglas Munro (DE 422).

John R. Buchanan writes that he was recently recalled under the Army reserve program and has been assigned to the District Engineer in Anchorage, in connection with the construction program in Alaska. Naturally, he notes, the main forms of recreation up there are skiing, fishing, hunting and travelling around the territory. John and his wife also extend an invitation to all their Tech friends to visit them if they ever get close to that part of the world.

1944

Bruno H. Pitorz is to be married this summer to Martha Ingram of Pasadena.

Richard Knudsen and Teddy Vita of San Diego will be married on June 24th. Dick finished requirements for his M.S. in Production Management at UCLA in February this year and is now working in production control at C. F. Braun in Alhambra.

William E. Lockwood, Jr. became the father of a daughter, Juliet Lee, on April 16th. Bill is still working for the Continental Can Co. and has just been transferred to the new plant at Terminal Island.

George G. Shor, Jr., M.S. '48, has taken a leave of absence from his position as Party Chief with Seismic Explorations, Inc., to return to Caltech to continue work towards a Ph.D., starting this month.

W. A. Bussard is completing his third year in production work at the DuPont nylon plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Willis was promoted to shift supervisor last October. His family now includes a son three years old and a daughter 15 months old. The only recent Techman Willis has seen is *Ted Bartlett*, who is in the technical section at the DuPont nylon plant in Seaford, Delaware.



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1945

Charles R. Cutler writes from Washington, D.C., that Professor, Emeritus, John R. Macarthur paid the Cutler family a call last month. Prof. Macarthur was in Washington on a tour of the east, visiting friends and relatives before returning to California. He'd come east not by car, plane or train, but by freighter through the Panama Canal. This suggested to the Cutlers—and Prof. Macarthur's visit with them only confirmed the fact—that he's still one of the liveliest persons who ever graced the Tech campus.

When he stopped in, incidentally, Prof. Macarthur had *Al Guillou* of the class of '40 in tow. Al is in the Washington office of Douglas Aircraft.

In recent months the Cutlers have had the pleasure of being looked up by such other transients as *Ted Taylor* '45 and *Bob Kieckhefer* '45. In fact, by some coincidence, they called the Cutlers within five minutes of each other, though neither knew the other was in town. Ted, who was just in Washington for a few days, is now back at Los Alamos, New Mexico, with his wife and two children (the second of which, for the record, was born while Ted was in Washington). Bob Kieckhefer was in Washington on a two-week tour of active duty for Navy. He's now in Chicago with a manufacturing concern.

As for Cutler himself—he continues to enjoy the practice of law, and claims to have become something of an expert on landlord-tenant problems in L.A. last fall when his firm represented the L.A. landlords in the court battles in Washington to uphold the city council's action to end rent control. Charlie's firm (Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis) engages in general practice, though a large majority of its clients are businesses which it represents before government agencies.

1946

Richard G. Kuck writes from Quantico, Va., where he's on the Marine Corps Equipment Board at the Marine Corps Schools. Dick says that Major E. G. Caserly '40 is on the Board with him, and both are doing research for the Marine Corps. Dick hopes to return to South Pasadena this fall with the release of the reserves. His wife, Clarice, and daughter, Crystal are with him in Quantico.

C. R. Ewen was married last summer to Patricia Ann Hoagland in Palo Alto. He's studying Chemical Engineering at Stanford and aiming for a Ph.D. next December.

1947

Harold De Groff, M.S. Prof. '49, has just gone to Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, as Associate Professor of Aeronautics. After leaving Tech in November 1949, he went to work for the NEPA Division (Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft) of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Co. in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

see. He left this job this spring when the NEPA work went over to General Electric, Lockland, Ohio.

Andrew W. McCourt, M.S., since February of this year has been a Group Leader in the Analysis Group, Special Products Development Division of Westinghouse, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The McCourts have a son, John, born on October 7, 1950.

Fernand P. de Percin, M.S., is now Chief, Field Office, Research and Development Branch, Office of the Quartermaster General, Dept. of the Army, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia. He has two sons, Fernand, Jr., 4, and Paul Rene, 2.

Spencer R. Baen M.S., Ph.D. '50, Captain with the Army Field Forces Board, Fort Knox, Ky., writes that he's been serving with this Army agency since graduation in 1950. The agency tests all types of vehicles and development equipment prior to acceptance by the Army. It's interesting work, Spence says, and his Caltech training has been invaluable.

Wallace D. Hayes, Ph.D., writes that he's now Associate Professor of Applied Mathematics at Brown University in Providence, R.I. During the academic year 1951-52, however, he'll be on a Fulbright appointment at the Technical Institute at Delft in the Netherlands. He was married in September, 1948, to Laura Merriman of Wayne, Pa.

1948

William J. Williamson, M.S. '49, recently left the Aerophysics Laboratory of North American Aviation, where he had worked on rocket motor development since leaving Tech, and has taken a job in the Aerodynamics Department of Sverdrup & Parcel, Inc., St. Louis consulting engineers who are designing the Arnold Engineering Development Center which is being built for the Air Force at Tullahoma, Tenn.

1949

George M. Petzar writes that he's still on the same job — with the American Smelting & Refining Co. in Salt Lake City —and still has the same family—wife and daughter—but does have a brand new house.

Rolf M. Sinclair is at the Rice Institute in Houston, Texas, working on cosmic rays. He's just finished the requirements for his M.S., and—the draft willing—plans to go on to the Ph.D. He's going to spend the summer at Rice on ONR-sponsored basic research. He's founder and president of the Rice Film Society, which shows hard-to-see films, all the way from "The Great Train Robbery" to "Blood of a Poet".

Other '49ers at Rice include Ken Fumularo (Physics Fellow) and Jim Young (English Instructor).

1950

Nick S. Diaconis, M.S., is working as an Aeronautical Research Scientist in the Lewis Flight Propulsion Lab., N.A.C.A., Cleveland, Ohio.

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