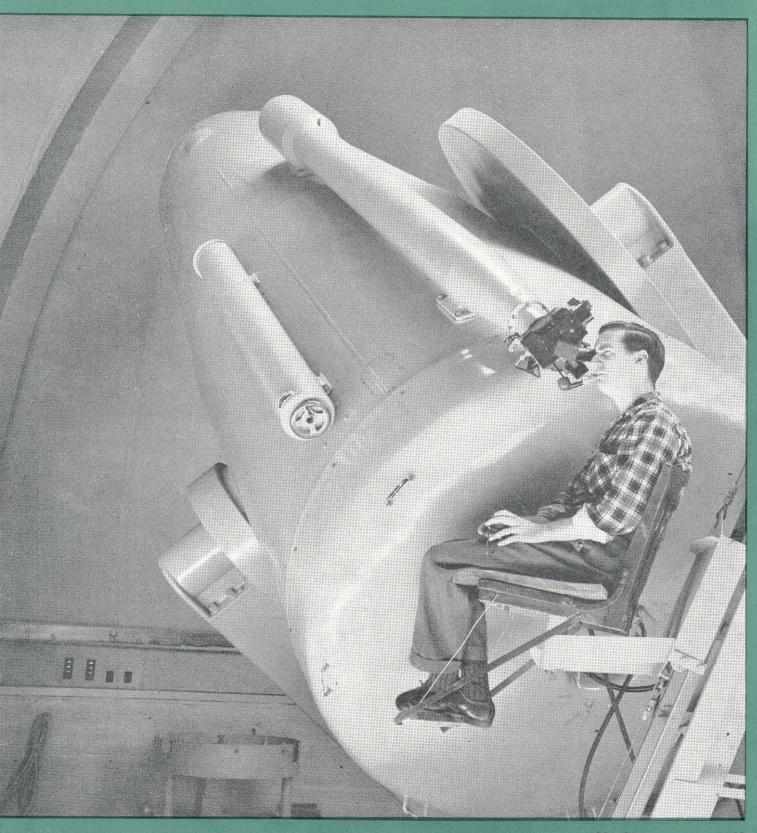
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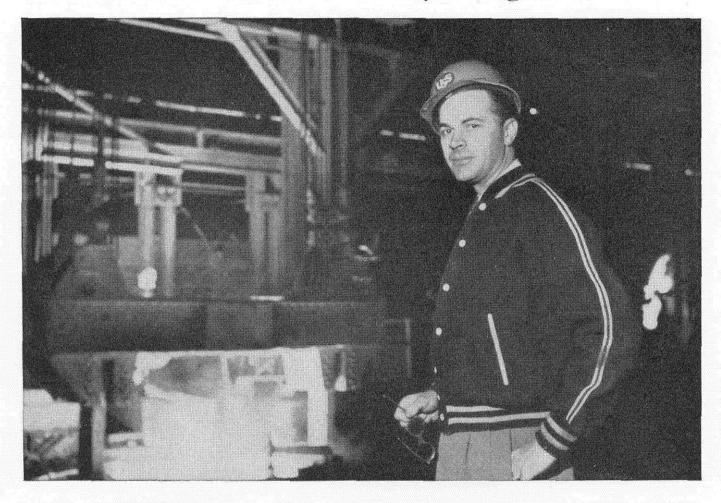


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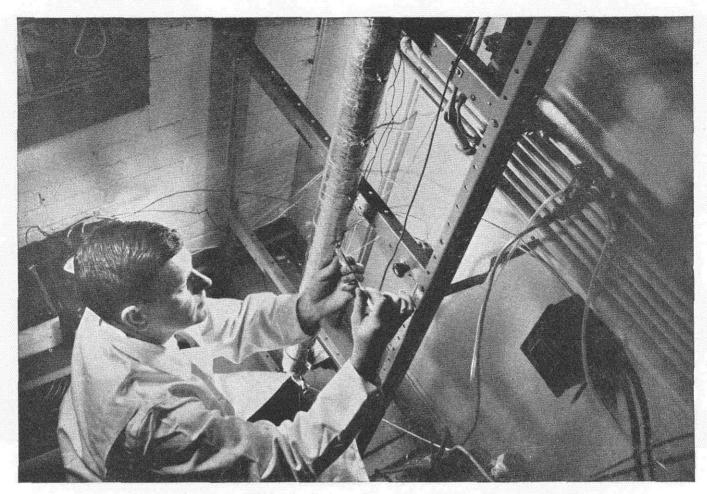
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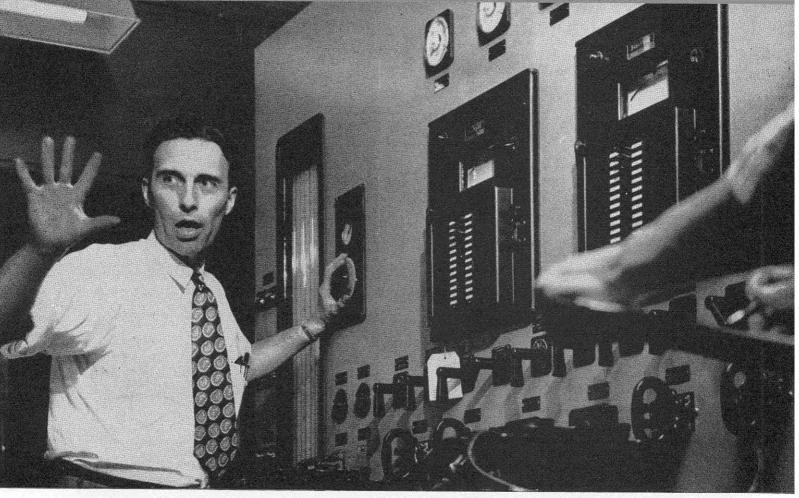
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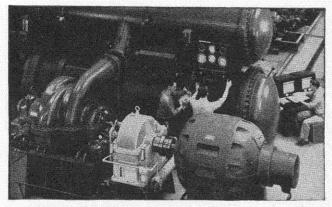
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On our cover this month is astronomer-observer George Abell, guiding the Big Schnidt telescope in its work of mapping the heavens for the National Geographic Society-Palomar Observatory Sky Survey. You'll find the story about this impressive atlas of the skies on page 13 of this issue.

Next to smog, water shortages present the most serious challenge to the ultimate growth of southern California. On page 24, in "Looking Ahead for Water," Jack E. McKee, Associate Professor of Sanitary Engineering, considers some possible new sources of water supply for this area. Dr. McKee, incidentally, has just completed the first year of research on one of the phases of the problem of sewage reclamation, in an effort to develop an economic engineering method for the disinfection of sewage.

**Prizewinners** in the 1954-55 *E&S* Science Writing Contest, for Caltech undergraduates and graduate students, were selected by the editors of *Scientific American* this summer. The \$100 first prize went to Frank Salisbury for "The Inhabitants of Mars." which can in *E&S* in April, 1955. Second prize (\$50) went to James M. Kendall for "Hypersonic Research at Caltech," which we published in June, 1954.

Salisbury, who received his PhD from Caltech last June (in plant physiology and geochemistry) is now teaching at Colorado A & M. Kendall is still on campus, as a graduate teaching assistant in aeronautics.

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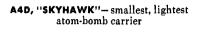
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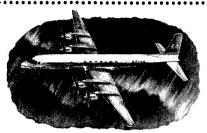
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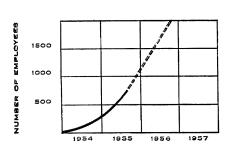


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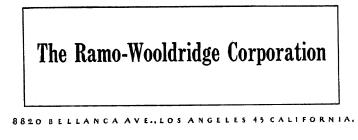
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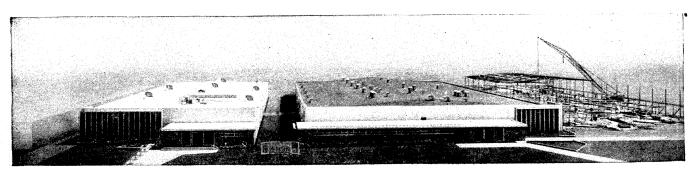
By mid-1956 our Los Angeles facility will consist of seven buildings totalling 300,000 square feet of modern research and development space. Two of the three buildings now complete and occupied are shown at bottom of this page; a fourth and fifth are presently under construction, the others are in the design stage.



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## BOOKS

#### GEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Edited by Richard H. Jahns

California Division of Mines Bulletin No. 170 \$12.00

Reviewed by Clarence R. Allen. Assistant Professor of Geology

THIS BOOK is the first balanced treatment of southern California geology to become available. It represents years of painstaking planning and preparation by Dr. Jahns and the staff of the California Division of Mines. and includes contributions by 103 authors. The result is a monumental publication: 886 double-size pages (including over 500 diagrams and photographs). together with 63 folded geologic maps —many printed in colors.

The editor has attained admirable uniformity of style and continuity of subject matter, but has skillfully avoided elimination of controversial material; indeed, the widely differing opinions of some authors serve to emphasize current geologic problems of this area. The outstanding achievement of the editor has been the stimulation and solicitation of numerous manuscripts that otherwise might not have been published for many years, if at all.

The contributions are primarily for professional readers, but the coverage is so great that many nongeologists will find articles of interest. Chapter titles include: Geology of the natural provinces: Historical geology; Structural features: Geomorphology; Hydrology: Mineralogy and petrology; Mineral deposits and mineral industry; Oil and gas: Engineering aspects of geology.

In addition, five guidebooks have been prepared for persons interested in geologic excursions in the southern California area. These guides, each with detailed route maps, are entitled: Western Mojave Desert and Death Valley region; Ventura basin and adjacent areas; Los Augeles basin; Southwestern part of the Los Angeles basin; Northern part of the Peninsular Range province.

Any list of particularly significant

individual contributions would certainly include: Levi Noble's map of a 50-mile strip of the San Andreas fault zone between Palmdale and Cajon Pass; Schoellhamer. Vedder, and Yerkes' 4-color geologic map of the Los Angeles basin; Dibblee's map and article on the hitherto-unknown geology of the Imperial Vallev region: long-awaited contributions on the Death Valley area by Curry. Noble, and Wright; and the new Owens Valley map by P. C. Bateman and C. W. Merriman. Dr. Jahns himself has written or coauthored seven articles, and his drafting of the Transverse Range map is an artistic contribution in itself.

The 17 individual chapters and geologic guides have been bound separately and come shipped together in a labeled box. This format is probably more useful to the practicing geologist than would be a single 9½ pound tome; for librarians. on the other hand, it may be a headache.

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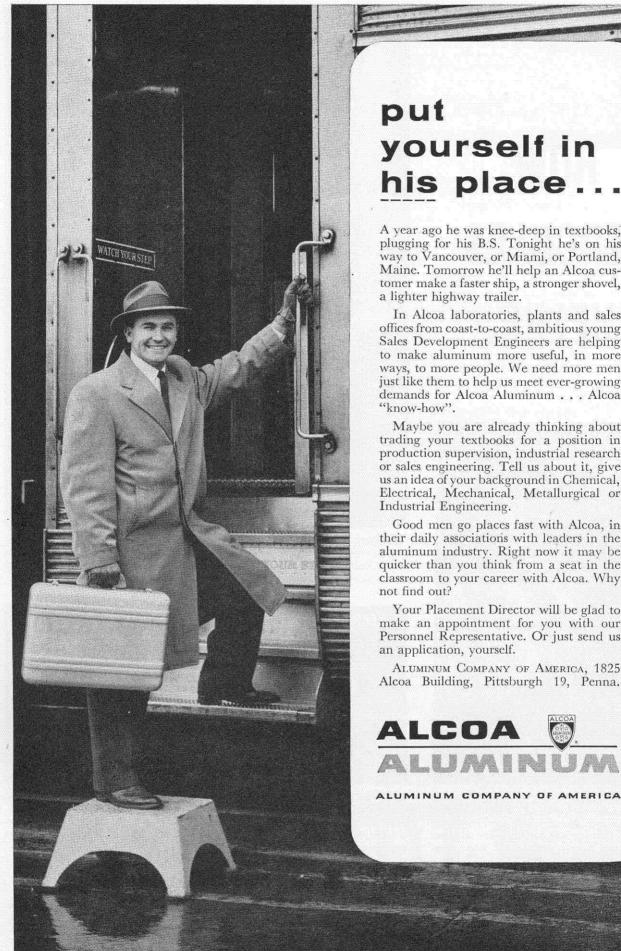
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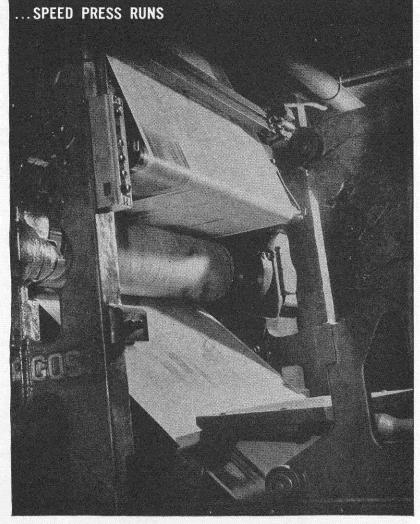
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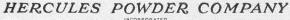
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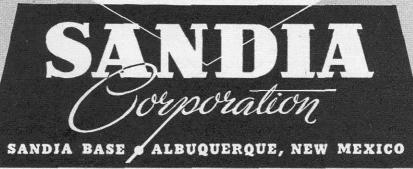
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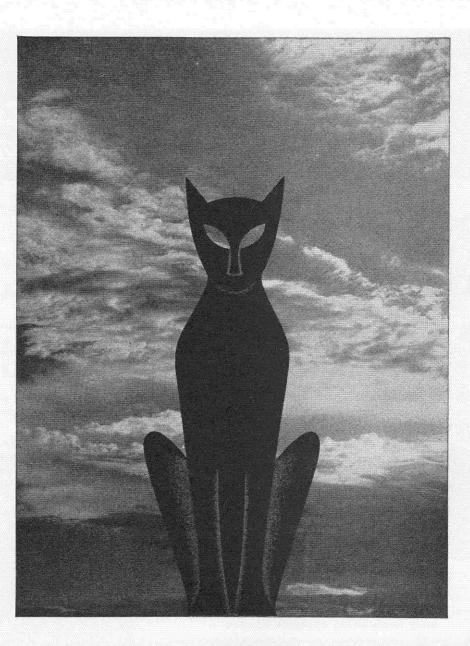
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Millions of galaxies, stars, and clusters of stars far out beyond the Milky Way are pictured in detail in the atlas. Many of the space regions have never been seen by astronomers before, and scientists hardly exaggerate when they say that, with the new atlas, astronomers have a century of study before them.

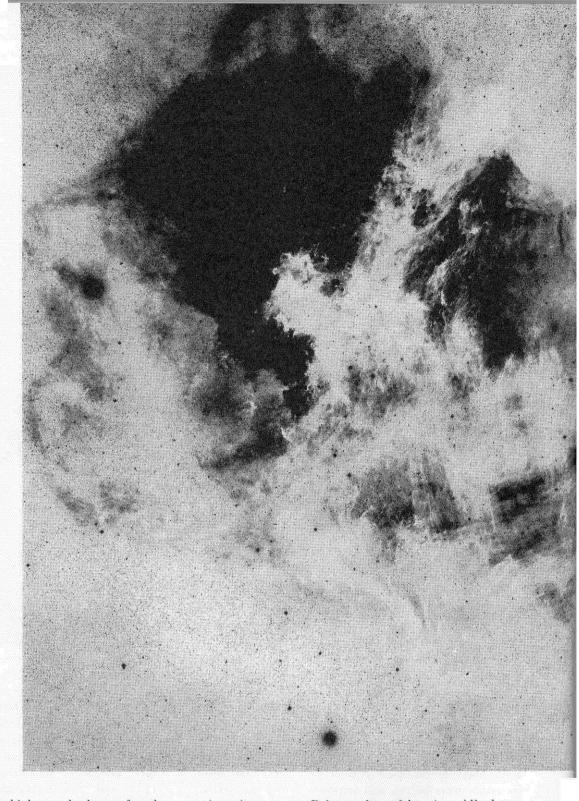
Every photograph in this Sky Survey has been taken with the 48-inch Schmidt telescope. Designed primarily as a scouting camera for the larger telescopes, the 48inch has proved ideal for the Survey, because though it can reach only about one-third as far as the 200-inch telescope, its wide-angle viewing power covers 500 times more sky. By 1956, when it makes its last picture for the Survey, the 48-inch will have taken seven years to cover every patch of the sky that can be reached from Palomar Observatory. With the 200-inch telescope this job would take almost 5,000 years.

For the Sky Survey, 14 x 14-inch plates are used in

the Big Schmidt. Covering the three-quarters of the sky pictured in the atlas requires 879 of these large plates. Two photographs are taken of each field in quick succession—one red-sensitive, with an exposure time of from 40 to 60 minutes; one blue-sensitive, exposed from 10 to 15 minutes. These exposure times were chosen to reach the faintest stars which can be recorded by the instrument. Comparison of the two color plates allows astronomers to measure star colors and to pinpoint faint objects for later observation with more powerful telescopes. Length of exposure plus the extreme speed (f/2.5) and great light-gathering power of the telescope makes it possible to record stars down to a brightness of 1/1,000,000 of the faintest star that can be seen with the naked eye.

A very thin, fragile glass, .040 inches thick, is used for the photographic plates. Each plate is examined after exposure by the observer at Palomar for flaws in the emulsion, motion of the image during exposure, error in the focus of the telescope or even slight blurring of the star images due to disturbances of the air above the telescope.

Plates are then sent to Caltech where Dr. Rudolph Minkowski, who has directed the Sky Survey since its beginning, examines them once more and has the final decision on rejection or acceptance. The North American Nebula in Cygnus, shown here as exposed with a red-sensitive plate, was the first nebula photographed in the Sky Survey. Red light is particularly sensitive in detecting dense gas clouds, which glow like neon signs from the reflection of nearby stars.

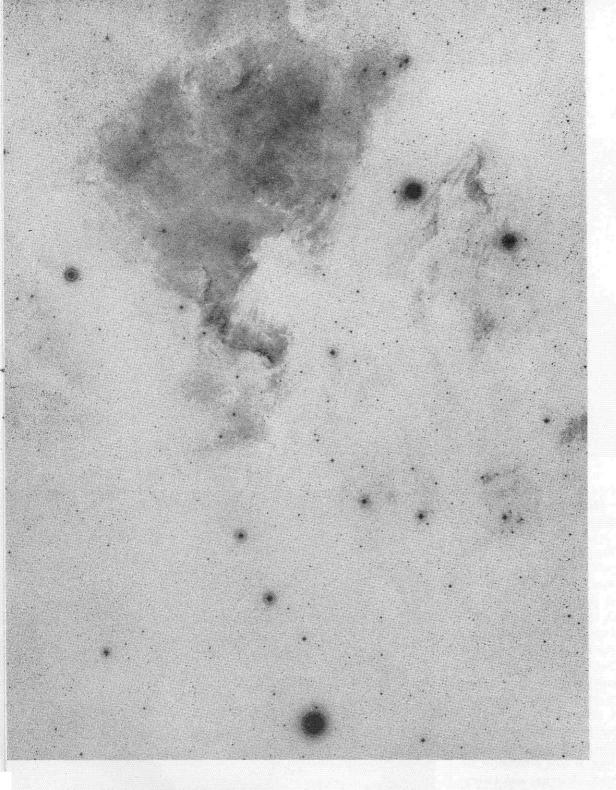


As an indication of the high standards set for the finished prints, almost 40 percent of the plates were rejected because of flaws or defective negatives. At times it seemed impossible to maintain such perfection of detail, but as Dr. Ira Bowen, director of Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, explains: "In the year 2000 A.D., astronomers wouldn't find much value in brown or faded photographs. Extreme definition of the faintest images is necessary."

All acceptable plates then go to James McClanahan of Caltech's Graphic Arts Department, who has charge of reproduction. From each negative plate, two glass positive plates are made, called intermediates, one of which is used to make the final prints at Caltech. The other plate goes to Palomar for safekeeping. All photographic prints which form the final atlas sheets are in negative form because faint stars and nebulae show up better when printed in black against a white sky.

Now that scientific institutions have received their first section of the atlas, the real work begins of counting and fixing the location of the thousands or millions of stellar images. During the actual photographing, there wasn't time for even the first superficial search of plates for new or unusual objects.

New comets and asteroids were found while production was going on, however. But as one Sky Survey observer says: "Actually these comets are a nuisance. Finding one simply means we must stop operations to



The North American Nebula in Cygnus photographed in blue light, eliminating all the density of red glow shown in the opposite picture. From these two photographs, astronomers can compare images, differentiate between hot and cool stars and point up faint objects.

make measurements and record all the material on it."

Out of the eleven comets found were two unusual ones. Though most comets approach the sun, then disappear for long periods of time or never reappear at all in our time, the Survey turned up one in 1949 that circles its orbit in only 2.3 years.

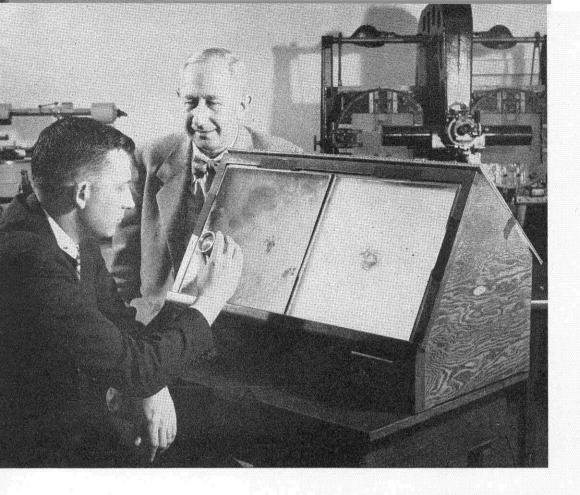
Another comet had two tails. This in itself is not unusual, for some comets have many tails, but Number 1950g not only had the standard tail streaming out behind but another one set at a forty-five degree angle.

Thousands of asteroids flashed across Survey photographs and, of these, four were found moving with execessive speed very close to the earth.

One of the chief values of the new sky map will be

to highlight new objects such as these, the way a highway map highlights towns.

When an occasional star flares up to millions of times its original brightness to form a nova or "new" star in the future, astronomers will be able to refer to the Survey plates for a record of the original brightness and temperature of the star before the outburst occurred. Extensive study of the plates may reveal the reasons for these stellar explosions. It may furnish evidence for the theory that the stars are continually undergoing a process of birth and death. And it may even give us more knowledge about our own galaxy, the Milky Way—a great pinwheel-shaped system of probably more than a hundred billion stars, of which our sun is one. Because



Dr. Albert Wilson, one of the first Survey astronomer-observers, checking a photograph for defects. Dr. Walter Baade, staff member of the Observatories, is assisting in the selection of acceptable plates.

James McClanahan and his assistant, Hendrik Rubingh, using a vacuum printer to process Survey photographs.

our solar system lies in the galaxy we cannot see the whole of it, but studies of other galaxies may help us understand our own.

Almost 90 percent of the Sky Survey is now finished. The eight remaining sections will be sent out at intervals, so that the complete atlas should be in the hands of scientific institutions in about three years. Nearly 100 copies have been ordered, each at a cost of \$2000, which only covers the price of printing. All expenses of the Survey, including the astronomers' salaries, are covered by the National Geographic Society, while Palomar Observatory donates the astronomers' time.

The close cooperation of a few people has been responsible for the perfection of the Sky Survey. Dr. Rudolph Minkowski has acted throughout as a guide and director. Albert Wilson, who was the observer during the first few years of the Survey, is now director of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, and George Abell is acting as astronomer-observer, with Robert G. Harrington as relief observer. Charles Kearns is serving as night assistant—the engineer who must always be on hand to assume responsibility for the general behaviour of the telescope. Reproduction problems are under the supervision of James W. McClanahan, with his assistants, Hendrik Rubingh and Gladys Harvey.

General supervision of the Sky Survey is under an advisory committee represented by Dr. L. A. DuBridge, President of Caltech; Dr. Ira S. Bowen, director of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories; Dr. John La Gorce of the National Geographic Society; and Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, director emeritus of the National Bureau of Standards.



ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

### A NEW SOURCE OF URANIUM

Caltech investigators find a way to extract the atomic energy fuels, uranium and thorium, from the ordinary granites of the earth's crust

**C**ALTECH SCIENTISTS investigating possible new sources of the atomic energy fuels, uranium and thorium, have found that these elements exist in enormous quantities in the ordinary granites of the earth's crust. What's more, they can easily be extracted.

If atomic energy ever comes to supply much of the world's power requirements, the demand for uranium and thorium, already large, may amount to millions of tons. Looking ahead to this distant day, a group of Caltech scientists, under the direction of Drs. Harrison Brown and Leon T. Silver of the Department of Geochemistry, recently began a study of the possibilities of isolating uranium and thorium from ordinary igneous rocks.

An average granite, found in all parts of the world, contains only about 4 parts-per-million uranium and 12 parts-per-million thorium, but the Caltech researchers found that a large portion of the elements were usually present in easily soluble forms and could readily be removed by washing the pulverized rock with cold dilute acid. If all the uranium and thorium could be extracted from one ton of rock, then converted to fissionable material and "burned" in a nuclear reactor, the energy released would be equal to that obtained from burning about 50 tons of coal. But the Caltech scientists found that, on the average, only about 25 percent of the uranium and thorium in granite rock is leachable, so that actually a ton of rock would produce releasable energy equivalent to about 10 or 15 tons of coal.

The energy required to process a ton of granite, leaching out the uranium and thorium, would cost within the range of 25 to 48 lbs. of coal—which is clearly less than the equivalent of the 20,000 lbs. of coal which could be extracted from a ton of average rock.

Solely from the energy point of view, then, our available reserves of uranium and thorium can power a highly industrialized world economy for a very long time.

From the monetary point of view, however, the cost of processing average granite is still prohibitively high. In the United States, today, uranium from an average granite might cost as much as \$340 a pound, thorium as much as \$147. But the Caltech research indicates that there are probably a number of igneous bodies in various parts of the world which possess higher-than-average concentrations of leachable uranium and thorium, and which might well be processed competitively in the near future.

In fact, this study makes it clear that no nation which needs uranium and thorium in quantity need be deprived of supplies of these elements.

Working with Drs. Brown and Silver on the research project were Wilbur Blake, Arthur Chodos, Richard Kowalkowski, Charles R. McKinney and Aiji Uchiyama, all of Caltech; and Dr. George Neuerburg of the United States Geological Survey.

### THE SUMMER AT CALTECH

#### Faculty Additions

New members of the Institute's Staff of Instruction and Research for 1955-56 include:

FRANK PRESS, Professor of Geophysics, noted for his research on a wide range of geological subjects, including microseisms, the geological structure of the ocean floor, and several aspects of seismology. He was an Associate Professor of Geophysics at Columbia University, where he received his PhD in 1949.

TOYOKI KOGA, Senior Research Fellow in Engineering, from Nagoya University in Japan, where he is Professor of Engineering and Director of the Automatic Control Laboratory.

JOHN SEDDON, Senior Research Fellow in Aeronautics, here on a Commonwealth Fellowship in Aeronautics, formerly with the Principal Scientific Office in England.

LLOYD S. SHAPLEY, Senior Research Fellow in Mathematics, from the RAND Corporation, where he is a senior research investigator.

CLARENCE H. ALLEN, Assistant Professor of Geology, who received his MS here in 1951. He has been Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he received his PhD in 1954.

PETER FAY, Assistant Professor of History, from

Williams College, where he was Instructor in History.

Roy GOULD, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering. He received his BS here in 1949 and, since getting his MS at Stanford, has continued his graduate studies at Caltech.

ROBERT MIDDLEBROOK, Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering, from Stanford, where he just received his PhD.

LEON T. SILVER, Assistant Professor of Geology, who has been working at Caltech as a research scientist in geochemistry. He received his PhD here in June, 1955.

MACK THOMPSON, Assistant Professor of History, from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where he has been Instructor in History.

GERALD J. WASSERBURG, Assistant Professor of Geology, formerly a resident associate at the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago.

CHUJI E. TZUBOI, Visiting Professor of Geophysics, from Tokyo University, a top authority on earthquakes and the deformation of the earth's crusts.

DWIGHT THOMAS, Instructor in English and Public Speaking, from Kalamazoo College, where he was chairman of the Department of Speech.

CALVIN H. WILCOX, Instructor in Mathematics, from Harvard, where he received his PhD this year.



The campus took on a carnival air this summer when the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held its 36th annual meeting here from June 20-25—the largest scientific convention ever held in Pasadena. The refreshment and exhibit areas are shown here.

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

#### **Faculty Changes**

The following promotions have been made in the Caltech faculty for 1955-56:

#### TO PROFESSOR EMERITUS:

Howard J. Lucas-Chemistry

To Professor:

Donald E. Hudson—Mechanical Engineering Thomas Lauritsen—Physics Lester Lees—Aeronautics W. Duncan Rannie—Mechanical Engineering Roger Stanton—English Vito A. Vanoni—Hydraulics

#### TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Julian Cole—Aeronautics and Applied Mechanics Y. C. Fung—Aeronautics D. S. Wood—Mechanical Engineering Rolf Sabersky—Mechanical Engineering M. L. Williams, Jr.—Aeronautics

#### TO SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW:

F. H. Boehm—Physics Donald Coles—Aeronautics Henry Hellmers—Biology H. S. Forrest—Biology R. E. Marsh—Chemistry W. S. McNutt, Jr.—Biology TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:

R. A. Dean—Mathematics H. E. Ellersieck—History F. B. Fuller—Mathematics R. S. Macmillan—Electrical Engineering H. C. Martel—Electrical Engineering D. E. Osterbrock—Astronomy A. Roshko—Aeronautics Frank L. Spitzer—Mathematics T. Y-T Wu—Applied Mechanics

#### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Lester M. Field, Professor of Electrical Engineering, to organize and direct the work of the Electron Tube Laboratory of Hughes Research Division for 16 months.

*H. Victor Neher*, Professor of Physics, for one year, to help in the establishment of work in cosmic rays at the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad, India.

Rodman Paul, Professor of History, for a year of studying in Europe on a fellowship from the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

*H. P. Robertson*, Professor of Physics, to continue to serve for another year as scientific advisor to SHAPE in Paris, at the request of General Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Robert L. Walker, Associate Professor of Physics, to conduct research in Italy on high-energy physics for one year on both Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships.

#### DEPARTURES:

Arthur W. Galston, Associate Professor of Biology at Caltech, left this fall to become Professor of Biology

U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, visited Caltech in July, on a tour of the United States with his wife and entourage of 12. At the right, Caltech President L.A. DuBridge and Paul G. Hoffman are shown with the prime minister, as they attended a luncheon at the Athenaeum.

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at Yale University. Dr. Galston came to Caltech as a research fellow in 1943.

Henry T. Nagamatsu, Senior Research Fellow in Aeronautics and director of Caltech's hypersonic wind tunnel research laboratory for the past six years, has joined the staff of the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, New York.

George K. Tanham, Associate Professor of History, to do full-time research for the RAND Corporation and the Air Force—though continuing to give his course here in the History of War.

*Hsue-Shen Tsien*. Goddard Professor of Jet Propulsion. resigned his post at Caltech and sailed for China last month. For the past five years he has continued his work with the Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Center while the government held him in this country under a deportation order.

Dr. Tsien came to Caltech as a graduate student direct from China in 1936. received his PhD in Aeronautics and Mathematics in 1939. and except for two years at M.I.T. as a Professor of Aeronautics. has been a member of the faculty here. During World War II. he served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Army Air Forces and in 1948 helped to set up the Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Center at Caltech. which he headed until his resignation.

#### **AFROTC CHANGES:**

First Lieutenant Henry L. Lanman has been assigned here in place of Captain Henry B. Gibbia. Jr., who is now based in Germany. Lt. Lanman was transferred from Ladd Air Force Base in Alaska.

Master Sergeant Leon E. Bemis, whose last assignment was at Truax Field. Wisconsin. is replacing Master Sergeant Harold L. Waugh. now assigned in French Morocco.

Top Sergeant Robert W. Freeman replaces Mr. Dominic J. Zangari as Supply NCOIC. His last assignment was at Beale Air Force Base in Marysville. California.

Top Sergeant Edward Obina, replacing Master Sergeant LeRoy G. Lee, now assigned in Alaska. was transferred from Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas.

#### New Trustee

HERBERT L. HAHN, treasurer of the California Institute Associates since 1943, was elected as a member of the Institute Board of Trustees last month. A native of Pasadena and an alumnus of Stanford University. Mr. Hahn has practiced law in the city for 38 years and is senior partner of Hahn and Hahn.

He also serves as a lecturer on the faculty of the Stanford University Law School and is on the Management Committee of the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

#### Edison Pettit Retires

DR. EDISON PETTIT retired this summer after 35 years as a staff member of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories. A native of Peru, Nebraska, where he was born in 1889. Dr. Pettit has become noted for his work in solar observations, radiation measures on celestial objects, and photoelectric photometry.

In 1947 he started an extensive photometric study of galaxies which was just recently completed. Results of this study may add considerable knowledge to the expanding-universe theory.

Dr. Pettit came to the Mount Wilson Observatory after receiving his PhD in 1920 from the University of Chicago and since 1948 has been affiliated with both Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories.

It is worth noting that he is not the only astronomer in the Pettit family. His wife has a PhD and their two daughters have Master's degrees—all in astronomy.

#### Clinton Judy

CLINTON K. JUDY. Professor Emeritus of English. died on August 29 at his home in San Marino.

When Caltech was still known as Throop Polytechnic Institute in 1909, Clinton Judy accepted an appointment here as Professor of English Language and Literature. For the next 40 years, as the Institute grew, he also handled the administration of the Humanities Department. The successful promotion of liberal arts training as a feature of the curriculum at Caltech was largely due to his efforts.

Born in Vancouver, Washington, in 1879, he was educated in California schools, graduated from the University of California in 1903 and received his MS there in 1907. Later he earned Master's degrees from Harvard and Oxford as well.

Professor Judy was appointed chairman of the Division of Humanities in 1923 and held this post until his retirement in 1949.

#### Jacob Chaitkin

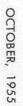
JACOB CHAITKIN, Instructor in Russian and in Business Law, died at the Huntington Hospital in Pasadena on August 23.

Mr. Chaitkin, who spoke English, Russian and German fluently, translated many Russian poems and short stories for publication in the United States.

He was born on the shores of the Baltic in 1898 and attended a governmental school in Russia until he came to the United States at the age of 14. In 1919 he received his BS from the University of Pittsburgh and was graduated from Pittsburgh's Law School in 1921.

Mr. Chaitkin practiced law in New York City for 20 years. During World War II. he taught Russian for the Army Air Force Intelligence at the Pentagon and served as an interpreter for visiting Russian military missions.

Mr. Chaitkin came to California in 1946. He was a partner in the legal firm of Chaitkin and Stapel in Pasadena. and had been a member of the Caltech faculty for ning years. He is survived by his widow. Janet, two sons and three daughters.





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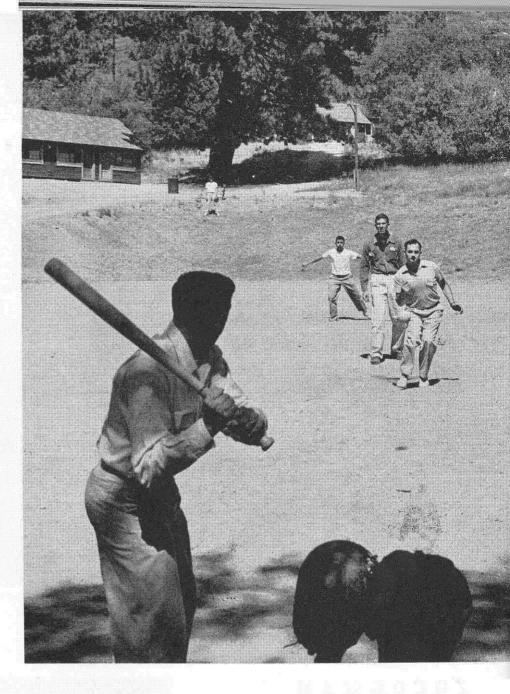
# F R E S H M A N C A M P

The class of '59 starts its Caltech career with the traditional three-day trip to Camp Radford in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Harvey Eagleson, Professor of English, addresses the troops assembled around the fire circle at Camp Radford.

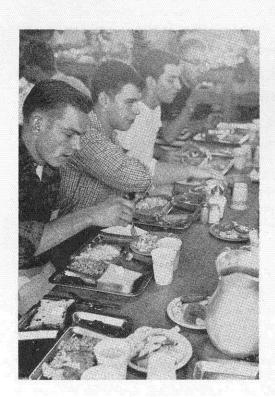






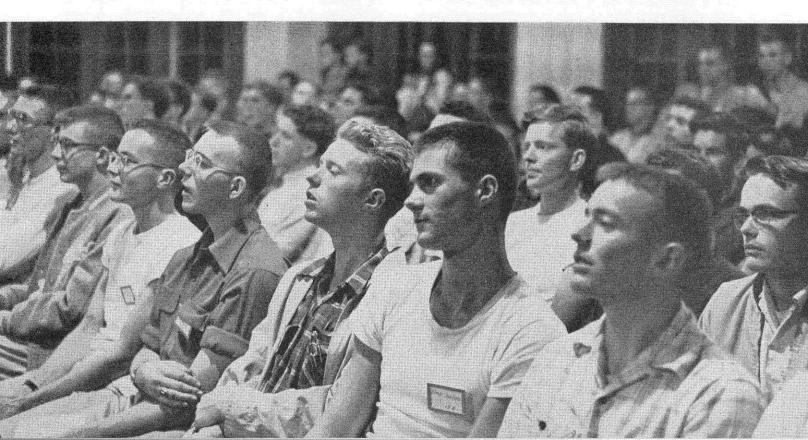








Aside from speeches by student leaders and faculty members about life at Caltech, freshman camp offered everything from a chance to meet President DuBridge to chess, softball, eating, swimming, and tame deer.



### LOOKING AHEAD FOR WATER

Can southern California keep growing indefinitely without fear of a water shortage? Here's what engineers and scientists are doing to meet the inevitable problem.

by JACK E. McKEE

WATER, OR RATHER THE SHORTAGE thereof, is a problem of continuing and growing importance in the western states and especially in southern California. Next to air, water is the most critical substance for man's existence and development. And, next to smog, water shortages present the most serious challenge to the ultimate growth of this region.

Do we have enough water for the next decade or two? Can southern California continue to grow indefinitely without fear of a water shortage? Will there be enough water for industry, or must the economy remain predominantly agricultural? If more water is needed, where can it be obtained and at what cost? What needs to be done now? These are questions that this paper attempts to answer, with the aid of a crystal ball and data from many sources.

The history of water supply for southern California is a long and fascinating story. ably told by Remi Nadeau (1) and by Vincent Ostrom (2). This article. however, is concerned not with the past nor even the present, but with the future and ultimate problem.

In any discussion of water-supply problems in arid regions. it is important to recognize the distinction between water "use" and water "consumption." Water is considered to be "consumed" when it is irretrievably lost by transpiration from plants. by natural or man-made evaporation. by percolation into aquifers too deep for recovery, or even by mixing with ocean or other saline waters. Water is "used" but not consumed when it drives a power turbine, when it floats logs down a flume or sluices minerals from a hill, when it passes through cooling coils and returns to a stream. and even when it serves domestic purposes and flows to a cesspool or an inland sewage treatment plant. In general, water is "consumed" by agriculture but merely "used" by municipalities and industry unless they discharge to the ocean. This distinction is important when one is considering the transition of southern California from a rural to an urban economy.

It is common in waterworks practice to assume that water requirements will be a function of population growth, with per capita demands remaining constant or increasing only slightly with time. For many eastern cities this assumption has been relatively valid; but where industry or irrigation is a dominant influence. water requirements may far outstrip. or even run counter to, population growth. In Los Angeles, for example, the per capita use was 200 gpd (gallons per day) in 1905 when the supply was unmetered, but it dropped to 128 gpd by 1928 as a result of metering and to 110 gpd by 1935 because of economic depression. It has been rising steadily since 1935 to about 150 gpd now. An an example of high per capita requirements, the nearby industrial community of Vernon uses 14.000 gpd per resident. and the number of residents decreased by about 50% during the last census decade! In contrast, troops on desert maneuvers have subsisted on as little as one gpd per man for all purposes. It is difficult, therefore, to try to base the future and ultimate water requirements of southern California on population.

A better vardstick in regions of mixed demands by cities. industries. and irrigated agriculture is based on area to be served and the "duty" of water—duty being defined as the water supplied in acre ft.(AF) per acre per year (or ft. per year)—because the duty tends to approach a predictable asymptote for each type of use. and the number of habitable and irrigable acres is limited. Moreover, duties for agricultural and domestic purposes are

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heavier rainfall of the nearby mountains. The mean seasonal precipitation on valley and mesa lands in the South Coastal Basin is 2,084,000 AF, but very little of this water is available for water supply, either as surface run-off or as groundwater replenishment. Most of it is consumed by evaporation and transpiration, over and above the water requirement by irrigation. Approximately 400,000 AF per year (as a mean figure) escapes to the ocean during floods or heavy storms, but very little of this amount is recoverable.

More useful for water supply is the surface run-off from local mountains, for which the long-time mean is from local mountains, for which the long-time mean is 1,227,000 AF per year. This is only 1.7% of the total for the state, yet the basin constitutes 6.9% of the population. Alarea and contains about 55% of the extensive groundprolonged wet and dry periods, the extensive groundground reservoirs to store heavy run-off during wet years. In a depth of 50 ft. above and below normal water tables, these groundwater basins can store more than 7,000,000 AF of withdrawable water.

With allowances for losses during floods and for some augmentation by valley-floor precipitation, it is estimated that the mean safe yield of local supplies is only 1,000,000 AF per year. At present, however, the draft on these supplies is about 1,400,000 AF per year, representing an annual overdraft of 400,000 AF from local from a savings account each year more money than is deposited, a procedure that obviously cannot be continued indefinitely.

Thanks to the far-sighted planning of waterworks engineers of the City of Los Angeles and the Metropolitan Water District many decades ago, imported water is now available from the High Sierras and the Colorado Kiver to overcome present deficiencies in local supplies. As shown in the table above, the Owens Aqueduct of the Gity of Los Angeles is operated up to its capacity of which has a capacity of 1,200,000 AF per year, has been used only as a standby supplement. In recent years, however, the demand for MWD water has been increasing ever, the demand for MWD water has been increasing plies, listed in the table above, is only 2,500,000 AF proved and

> quite comparable in magnitude. When an orange grove in the San Gabriel Valley, for example, is replaced by a subdevelopment of five or six houses per acre, the total annual water requirement per acre is not increased and, what is more important, the consumptive use by vegetation is replaced partly by non-consumptive domestic use. Typical duties of water requirements on an areal basis

> on an areal basis. atromorially exceed municipal or irrigation requirements lliw tant their operations to a rigid economy that will of streams or groundwater basins, most other industries necessity of reducing water use and preventing pollution and the reutilization of waste water. When faced with the has been reduced to 1100 gallons per ton by conservation used to make one ton of steel, but at Fontana this figure year. At eastern mills, 000,co gallons of water are in Fontana, for example, the demand is only 2.8 ft. per in their demands for water. At the Kaiser Steel Co. dustries, on the other hand, are generally quite moderate may reach or even exceed 100 ft. per year. Most inhouse zones and crowded business districts the areal use family dwellings are comparable, but in apartmentngures. The requirements for irrigation and for singleand to ytilidainav and not anosaan and to amos utim guola for southern California are shown in the table below, Typical duties of water requirements on an areal basis

> The South Coastal Basin of California, (roughly the Ventura-San Bernardino-San Diego triangle) represents a geographical subdivision that can be considered as a unit in planning for water supply. The total area in this basin suitable for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use is approximately 2,800,000 acres. For a mixed economy it is probable that the ultimate mean annual water requirement will approach 2.0 ft. and hence the total ultimate water requirement is estimated at 5,600,000 AF per year.

> How well can the existing sources of water meet this requirement and where can additional fresh water be developed? Local supplies have their origin in the limited precipitation on the valley floors and in the

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per year-or less than half of the estimated ultimate requirement.

To meet the shortage that is sure to occur ultimately, and probably before 1990, consideration is being given to several new sources of water supply; viz, desalting of sea water, augmentation of rainfall by cloud seeding, sewage reclamation, and further importation from distant rivers. Each of these plans is described briefly below and compared with the others as to probable cost.

#### Sea water

The tremendous volume of water at the doorstep of coastal cities has always stirred the imagination of man, but to date the cost of converting sea water to fresh water has been prohibitive. Some attempts have been made to use saline water directly; indeed, industry in southern California is already using about 750,000 AF per year for cooling, sluicing, and other purposes. Dual distribution systems for cities, analogous to those of ocean vessels, have been proposed to provide fresh water for cooking, washing, or irrigation, and salt water for flushing toilets. Two important factors militate against this proposal: first, it is not economically feasible inasmuch as 60-70% of the total cost of any waterworks is attributable to the distribution system; and second, the drainage would cause saline pollution of groundwater basins.

How much does it cost to convert sea water to fresh water? The minimum free energy required to separate one AF of fresh water from sea water has been computed to be about 850 kilowatt hours. This is based on an "ideal" process, infinitely slow, with a fraction of fresh water from a huge volume of sea water, and no inefficiencies. When one AF of fresh water is taken from 2 AF of sea water, the figure rises to 1150 kwh, and with 50% overall efficiency (which is optimistic) the energy cost would be 2300 kwh per AF. Since other changes (amortization, labor, etc.) run about twice the power cost for this type of operation, and with power at  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per kwh, the minimum cost under optimum conditions would be about \$35 per AF. This value is not prohibitive, but how close can it be approached by known processes?

There are two general ways to convert sea water to fresh water: remove the water from the brine, or remove the salt from the brine. The first category comprises: (a) simple distillation. (b) multiple-effect distillation. (c) vapor-compression distillation, (d) solar distillation, (e) temperature-difference evaporators (Claude process); and (f) freezing. Included in the second group are: (a) straight chemical precipitation. (b) ion exchange by means of synthetic resins, (c) simple electrolysis, and (d) electro-dialysis with ion-permeable membranes. These ten processes are described and discussed ably by Aultman (3), DeHaven et al. of the RAND Corporation (4), Ellis (5), and Sherwood (6). The table below is a summary of their cost estimates, including allowances for amortization, power, and labor. The most promising methods appear to be vapor-compression distillation, the Claude process, and electro-dialysis with ion-permeable membranes; but it is highly improbable that any of these methods will ever produce fresh water from the ocean at less than \$125 or \$150 per AF at sea level.

#### Cloud seeding

Among meteorologists and hydrologists there does not appear to be much unanimity as to the effectiveness of cloud seeding for rainfall augmentation. If it works as well as its proponents claim, cloud seeding is certainly the cheapest source of additional water for any region. Its application to the South Coastal Basin, however, is restricted by the rapid run-off from mountain areas and by the danger of floods in areas of high property value.

The best application of cloud seeding appears to be for increasing the snow packs of the High Sierras and the Rocky Mountain watershed of the Colorado River. If winter precipitation can be augmented by 20%, the run-off will be increased by 30 to 60%, thereby improving the reliability and quality of the present imported supplies. Indeed, southern California can claim a part of any excess flow in the Colorado River.

#### Sewage reclamation

With the progress of urbanization and industrialization in southern California, there is a steady shift in the ultimate destination of water from evapotranspiration by vegetation to waste water in sewers. This waste water, or sewage, is still fresh water, containing less than 1000

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parts per million by weight of solids, in contrast with sea water, which has about 35,000 ppm of solids. Indeed, sewage is over 99.90 percent pure, which is purer than a well-advertised brand of soap. When discharged to the ocean and diluted in sea water, however, sewage is lost forever as a source of fresh water.

Sewage from most of the City and County of Los Angeles is now treated and discharged to the ocean at a total rate of about 550,000 AF per year. Including similar discharges from Ventura, Orange, and San Diego Counties, the total is about 700,000 AF per year, or about 35% of the water supplied. Ultimately, this proportion may reach 50%, or as much as 2,800,000 AF per year. Herein lies a potential source of fresh water to help meet the anticipated ultimate deficiency.

There is nothing new about the reclamation of waste waters. It occurs locally when drainage from thousands of cesspools helps to replenish the groundwater basins, or as inland sewage plants discharge to dry river beds or to percolation basins. It occurs along eastern rivers where each city in turn takes its water from the river and returns its sewage to be used by downstream communities. It occurs at the federal installation at Grand Canyon National Park where treated and reclaimed sewage is used for toilet flushing and at plush hotels in Las Vegas where treated sewage is used to irrigate the decorative vegetation. It occurs in Baltimore where the Bethlehem Steel Co. purchases much of the effluent from the city's Back River sewage treatment plant. It will continue to occur whenever reclaimed sewage is the cheapest source of additional fresh water.

#### **Reclamation costs**

The cost of water reclaimed from sewage is difficult to assess. Part of the cost is rightfully chargeable to waste disposal, for the sewage must be treated to a certain degree before it can be discharged inland or even to the ocean. The cost of additional treatment to render the sewage suitable for direct use by industry or agriculture, or to recharge ground-water basins, is chargeable to water supply. This additional cost will vary from about \$10 per AF at large installations to \$100 per AF at small installations, with median values of \$20-35 per AF.

There are several obstacles to the early reclamation of sewage in southern California. At present, extensive reclamation is neither necessary nor economically advisable inasmuch as the Colorado River Aqueduct is not being used to capacity. Second, there are health hazards involved in the direct use of improperly treated sewage for irrigation. Until these hazards are overcome by effective procedures for disinfection, the State Health Department will continue to enforce rigid rules of precaution. Third, there is a natural reluctance on the part of the public knowingly to use reclaimed sewage, unless the merits of such use are carefully explained in a publicrelations program. For this latter reason, it is probable that most reclamation will involve groundwater recharge rather than direct use, so that the sewage will lose its identity.

Even if sewage reclamation is carried to the utmost extent, it will still not provide sufficient additional water for the South Coastal Basin. Outfall sewers to the ocean will always be needed to discharge some sewage and much of the industrial wastes which are not amenable to treatment and reuse. These outfall sewers will be needed also as "bleed" valves to prevent an excessive build-up of salts from the recycling of groundwater. Consequently, additional water will be needed to augment present sources even with the reclamation of sewage.

#### Imported water

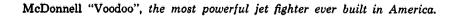
Twice before in its phenomenal growth, southern California has reached out to distant sources for supplemental water. It appears now that a third major aqueduct will be needed to bring more imported water to this region. Fortunately, California will not have to seek water from the Columbia River or other remote streams, for there are sufficient water resources within the state boundaries. Recent reports from the State Division of Water Resources indicate that the mean total run-off of California streams is about 70,000,000 AF per year. If only half of it is recovered and used, this annual volume will support 30 million people and three times the present irrigated agriculture. The problem, however, is to transfer water from northern regions of excess to southern areas of deficiency.

A plan for accomplishing this transfer has been developed by the State Engineer as part of a comprehensive California Water Plan. Known as the Feather River Project, it comprises (a) a dam and power plant on the Feather River near Oroville for flood control, low flow regulation, and power supply, (b) diversion and pumping of Sacramento River water from the delta region near Tracy, (c) a main canal along the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, through the San Bernardino Mountains, and past Hemet to the headwaters of the San Diego River, and (d) diversions to Santa Clara Co., Ventura Co., and Santa Barbara Co. Alternate routes are still being considered, but the most likely plan involves about 567 miles of aqueduct and a total lift of about 3500 ft., with some power recovery on this side of the mountains.

This plan will provide 1,773,000 AF per year of additional water of high quality to the regions south of the Tehachapi Mountains. The initial and ultimate costs of this water per AF have not been determined definitely as yet. Depending on methods of financing and periods of amortization, it appears that the cost will be \$40 to \$60 per AF.

There is no danger of an acute overall water shortage in southern California during the next 20-30 years, owing to the far-sightedness of the engineers who conceived the Metropolitan Water District. Ultimately, however, the total water requirements for the South Coastal Basin will

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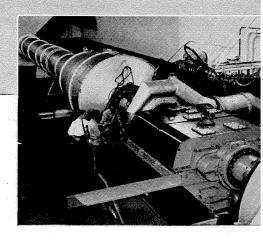


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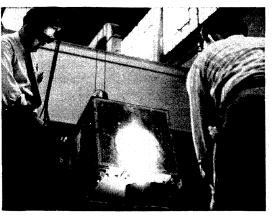
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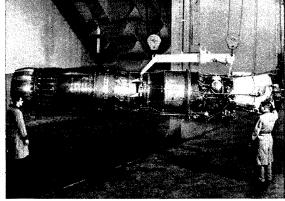
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be more than twice the available supply from local resources and present aqueducts. Part of this deficiency can be met by the reclamation and reutilization of waste waters, but an additional source of new fresh water is needed. The cost data shown in the table above indicate that the Feather River Project is the logical answer to this problem. The desalting of sea water does not appear to be economically feasible for this region, barring a miracle of thermodynamics or a cheap source of power.

Although no critical water shortage looms for the next few decades, engineers and scientists cannot neglect planning and research to meet the inevitable problem. About 20 years were required from the initiation of the MWD until the first Colorado River water reached southern California. A similar period or longer may be necessary to secure additional water from the Sacramento Basin. In the meantime, the active program of research and development to improve methods of salt water conversion should be encouraged. More important, perhaps, investigations must be accelerated to find cheaper, safer and more efficient ways to reclaim and reutilize sewage and other wastes.

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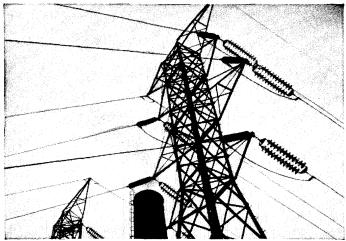
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### WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE NEW CARS

#### by PETER KYROPOULOS

AFTER SPENDING ANOTHER SUMMER in Detroit I have summarized the local gossip concerning the new models. Allowing for the fact that, even after copious draughts of Scotch, people don't tell me everything they know, and allowing also for the fact that I don't tell everything I find out, here is the story for what it is worth:

New models will be out sooner this year. Lincoln was announced in September. The tentative dates for other cars are as follows:

Ford: September, October, November

*G.M.*: Chevrolet. October (?): others. November *Chrysler*: November

American Motors: Nash and Hudson. November: Rambler. December

Studebaker-Packard: October

Nothing very dramatic seems to be in the offing. except the dealers' hassel to sell about 1.5 million 1955 cars before the new models are out.

Except for Lincoln and Rambler and the Continental. which have new bodies. only face-lifting is expected. Colors are supposed to be toned down and two-tones will now be the upper limit.

One leading stylist gave me this as the safe rule for styling in general: "If you can't make it look good, make it look like Cadillac." The tailpipe-in-bumper is perhaps the least fortunate example of this practice. Aside from this, however. I could name a few cars that would do well to put in a little more of Cadillac and a little less of their own haphazard styling.

There will be some new four-door hardtops and there is talk of retractable hardtops.

Experiments are being made with body trim other than chrome and stainless. Anodized aluminum die castings are being used. There is an atrocious-looking Plymouth running around Detroit with bright copper instead of chrome.

General emphasis on safety will be reflected in the widespread offering of safety belts. Chevrolet has already announced that they will make seat and shoulder belts available.

The '56 engines will have more power, and in one instance a greater displacement. Compression ratios will go up also.

Everybody is working on fuel injection. not because it offers any striking advantages, but because it is different. So far it is a struggle to make the injection system break even with a good carburetor. The systems under development use manifold injection. Mercedes SL 300 is still the only cylinder injector engine. A V-6 is talked about, but not for '56. It also has essentially the merit of being a novelty.

Gas turbines will not appear except in experimental cars.

Transmission selector levers on Chrysler and Packard are supposed to be replaced by buttons.

A new and smoother hydramatic is in the mill and will be available soon:

Interest in a variety of novelty suspension systems is very lively but specific plans are hard to pin down. There is much experimentation. Packard's torsion bar suspension will be put into more Packards, but did not start a stampede for Packards in '55.

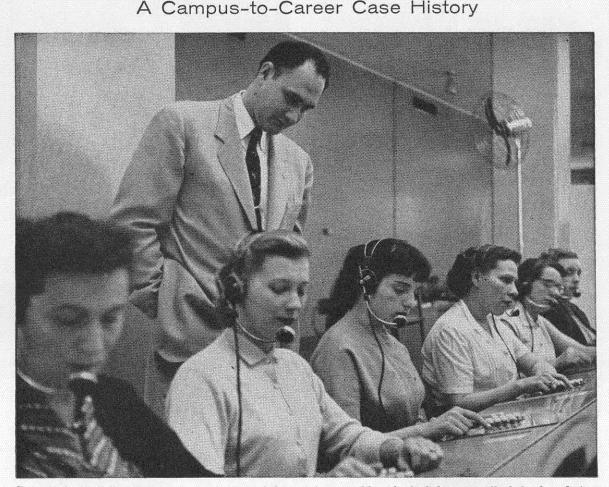
Power accessories are growing in popularity and are making an excellent service record for themselves.

Air conditioning is getting to be quite the thing. System size and efficiency has been materially improved in '55 (e.g. Chevrolet) and will lead to further increases next year.

The dressed-up station wagon, led by the Chevrolet Nomad, has proven very popular, and sportier and more elaborate versions will be offered in various lines.

The year '57, rather than '56, should bring quite a few major body changes as well as some other advances in engineering details.

Dr. Kyropoulos. Professor of Mechanical Engineering. was in Detroit this summer as consultant for the Automotive Engines Department, Research Laboratories Division. General Motors Corporation.



Emmett Smith, E.E., '50, supervises operation of the training switchboard which he originally helped to design.

#### "I Didn't Know There Was Such a Job"

"Communications have always been one of my main interests—in the Navy and at the University of Michigan. So I was very happy when the Michigan Bell Telephone Company invited me to visit their headquarters to talk about a job.

"In Detroit I had a chance to look at a number of departments, including one I'd never heard of before, the Traffic Department. I found that, in addition to the engineering of switchboards, it involved the supervision and handling of calls. It struck me like a wonderful opportunity to combine staff engineering and field management.

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> Emmett Smith's job is with a Bell Telephone Company. There are similar opportunities for engineers with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Sandia Corporation.

ing assignments in several different kinds of offices -local, Long Distance, dial and manual. Then I worked in engineering, translating estimates of future growth into the actual number of circuits and switchboard positions required.

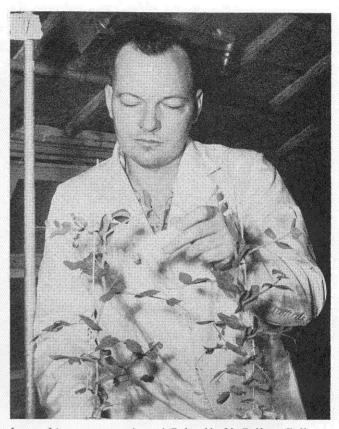
"Now I'm supervising the operation of one of the boards I helped engineer. Briefly my job is to see that my district gets the kind of equipment it needs and that what we have is working properly. Another major part of my job is advising the supervisors of the Long Distance operators. I like this because it means working with people, too.

"Needless to say, I'm happy with my job. A job I didn't even know existed."





McCallum Fellow Elizabeth Betani is Caltech's first woman graduate student in biology.



James Liverman, another of Caltech's McCallum Fellows, now teaches plant biochemistry at Texas A & M.

### FAMILY ALBUM

An informal report on some of the biology students whose graduate work has been financed by the Arthur McCallum Fellowship and Scholarship program. WHEN A CANDIDATE for a PhD degree submits his doctoral thesis, he customarily includes a page of acknowledgements—to the professor who supervised his research, to other colleagues, and (if he has one) to his wife, for sitting home alone night after night while he has worked at the laboratory.

In addition to these expressions of gratitude, many PhDs in biology at Caltech also append a note of thanks "for the Arthur McCallum Fellowship, without which it would not have been possible to continue my graduate education."

These Fellowships were established in 1950, at the suggestion of C. G. King of the Nutrition Foundation, by the late Arthur McCallum of New Brunswick, N.J., and Mrs. McCallum, who now lives in Riverside, California.

Almost a quarter of a million dollars has been contributed to the McCallum Fellowship and Scholarship Fund. From it, individual Fellows have received up to \$2500 annually—for subsistence, tuition, and research supplies.

Other graduate students have received summer scholarships of \$300 each, primarily to sustain their research during the "fourth quarter" of the year. This is the season when tuition grants and other means of support dry up, leaving a student stranded—unless he has a wife who is not only willing to sit home nights but who also has a paying job good enough to support both of them.

To the great majority of the graduate students in biology, therefore, the McCallum scholarships make possible a full-time continuation of thesis research during the summer months.

From the outset of the McCallum Fellowship and Scholarship program, there has been a pleasant personal relationship between the McCallums and the young men who have been recipients of their help.

One of Mrs. McCallum's favorite Christmas gifts, last year, was a fat bundle of 30 letters bringing season's greetings from former McCallum Fellows or Scholars letters bearing Austrailian, French, English and South American as well as U.S. postmarks.

Now back in Australia, for example, is Bruce Holloway, who came 9000 miles from his native Adelaide to study the genetics of fungi. A recent letter to Mrs. McCallum reports that he is now doing research on microbial genetics and teaching at Canberra with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

Another regular correspondent is Ohio-born Dale Kaiser, now continuing his studies on the genetics of viruses at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. With him is his wife, the former Mary Durrell, whom he met when she was a lab assistant at Kerckhoff, and their small daughter Jennifer. Mary writes that Dale's French is steadily improving. but that he has given up wearing a beret until he speaks the language better. It has been too embarrassing for him to try to give street directions to native Frenchmen —and, somehow, it's only when he's wearing the beret that he gets approached for advice.

Roy Sachs, whose graduate work in plant physiology concluded in June, is now in Italy with his wife, the former Marilyn Murphy, whose experience in the comptroller's office at Caltech is proving useful in handling Fulbright Fellowship grant funds.

(Caltech not only educates them; it finds wives for them, too.)

Also in the McCallum "family album" are snapshots of Norman Good, who is back in Canada after two years of postdoctoral research training in England; plant physiologist Howard Burroughs. now in Hawaii; and Jose Reissig. native Argentinian, who is studying chemical genetics in Scotland.

Among the 33 PhD theses by McCallum Fellows or scholarship recipients, many have titles that might seem pretty esoteric to the uninitiated.

For example, Colorado-born Glenn Fischer, now in Puerto Rico, reported on *Genetic and Biochemical Studies of the Cysteine-Methionine Series of Mutants in Neurospora crassa---*not so academic a study as one might think, for the metabolic processes Fischer studied





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# Family Album . . . CONTINUED

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Harold McRae, a native of Vancouver. B.C., now working for the large drug manufacturer Rohm & Haas, was awarded his PhD degree on the basis of research which culminated in *Studies on the Kinetics of Auxin-Induced Growth*. The weed killers and other chemicals responsible for revolutionary advances in agriculture are related to plant auxins (hormones), and studies like McRae's tell us how they work.

# From Africa to Arthopods

Sherman Ripley. another McCallum Fellow. journeyed 10,000 miles from his native South Africa to study the neuro-muscular physiology of arthopods at Caltech and is now back in the Union of South Africa -- at the University of Natal in Durban.

In addition to remembering his records amplifying the sound of the wing beats of a house fly. the Biology Division remembers Sherman as the expert mountain climber who paced Professor Beadle at breakneck speed up the east face of Mt. Whitney and back to Pasadena in two days. travel time included.

New Yorker Henry Gershowitz is another well-remembered McCallum Fellow. His research on the heredity of blood groups culminated in *Immunogenetic Studies of* the Pigeon. Columba livia.

Henry kept as many as 200 pigeons in a large airconditioned room in the animal annex at Kerckhoff. each bird banded to indicate his pedigree. His daily exercise consisted of chasing a swirling mass of pigeons. butterfly net held high, whenever he needed a blood sample from a particular bird.

On Henry's departure for the University of Washington. his pigeons vanished. too. Shortly thereafter, pigeon breasts, at five cents each, were discreetly offered to Kerckhoff workers. One biologist's wife, on obtaining six for a family dinner, complained that in spite of all her culinary skill, they tasted (and cut) like leather. This was due, no doubt, to Henry's vigorous daily pursuit of his thesis material.

# **Future Fellows**

As time goes on, the work of McCallum Fellows and Scholars will be extended to cover all the biological sciences. The program is now permanently and generously endowed. and will provide for scholarships and fellowships for undergraduate and postdoctoral workers. as well as graduate students.

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# HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB?

A reminder that Caltech's Alumni Placement Service can help you do something about it

by DONALD S. CLARK Director of Placements

TWENTY YEARS AGO a placement service was established at Caltech, under the joint auspices of the Institute and the Alumni Association, aimed primarily at assisting alumni when a new job was necessary or desirable. It has always been called the Alumni Placement Service, though it has for many years included both students and alumni in its activities.

In time, the Placement Service became a fair-sized operation, requiring funds that were considerably above the resources of the Alumni Association. Today it is completely supported by the Institute, and through a small amount contributed by alumni receiving employment through the service. The staff consists of a Director, who is a member of the faculty; an Assistant to the Director, who is employed full-time to administer the detail work of the office; and three office assistants.

A placement service in any college or university has four areas of activities: (1) placement of students in part-time work while attending school; (2) placement of students in summer work between academic sessions: (3) placement of students receiving degrees in their first full-time positions: (4) placement of alumni in new positions.

The first of these services has been very helpful to Caltech students in financing their way through school. even though they are limited to 10 or 12 hours a week because of the heavy academic load here.

Greater effort is being devoted each year to helping students find summer work, which is valuable not only for the financial assistance but for the experience. Alumni could assist in this program by notifying the Placement Service of openings in their organizations during the summer months.

The placement of students receiving degrees is a goodsized job, for it entails interviews by many large organizations on campus. In 1954-55, exactly 120 different organizations visited Caltech and interviewed 209 men who were receiving degrees and 211 men who were looking for summer jobs. These interviews took up 165 working days and involved 2.437 appointments.

The placement of alumni is really one of the most important functions of any placement service—but the assistance we can offer alumni here at Caltech is not being utilized to its<sub>#</sub>fullest extent.

The placement of alumni involves a matching pro-

cedure—matching the qualifications of the man with the job. An alumnus advises the Placement Service that he is considering a change of position. He is asked to fill in an application form which will supply information about his qualifications and interests. The man is then listed under each type of employment in which he indicates interest, and after this listing a search is made in each of these fields for job openings that have been given to the Placement Service by organizations. The man is then notified of the openings for which he is qualified.

A similar system is employed when a request is received from an employer—but when the Placement Service has on file the applications of only about ten or fifteen men, the probability of finding a Tech graduate for that opening is very small. The fact is that, in the year 1954-55, there were 1162 requests for 2453 Caltech alumni—but only 109 alumni registered with the Service during the year. The placement record—i.e., the number of men placed on jobs—was not particularly good, of course, because the men did not match the jobs.

How can this condition be improved?

Men who are thinking about changing jobs seem to be reluctant to register with the Placement Service. Some of these men realize that they have reached a block to further advancement in their present jobs. Others believe that a different position might give them a better salary and a greater chance for advancement. Most of these men do not take any active steps to survey the field. One of the easiest ways of making this survey is to register with the Placement Service.

At present, with the small number of applicants, the Placement Service is reduced to contacting members of the Caltech faculty to get the names of men who might be interested in a particular opening. Such procedure means complete dependence upon memory, and is neither orderly nor effective.

Probably a most satisfactory method would be to have an IBM card on every alumnus. With the proper information on the cards, it would be possible to pull cards on those men who meet the requirements of each job opening. However, a system of this character involves an expensive operation that seems to be greater than the operating funds available. The next best thing is to have more registrants.

# The Howard Hughes Fellowships

IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Eligible for these Fellowships are those who have completed one year of graduate study in physics or engineering. Successful candidates must qualify for graduate standing at the California Institute of Technology for study toward the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or post-doctoral work. Fellows may pursue graduate research in the fields of physics or engineering. During summers they will work full time in the Hughes Laboratories in association with scientists and engineers in their fields.

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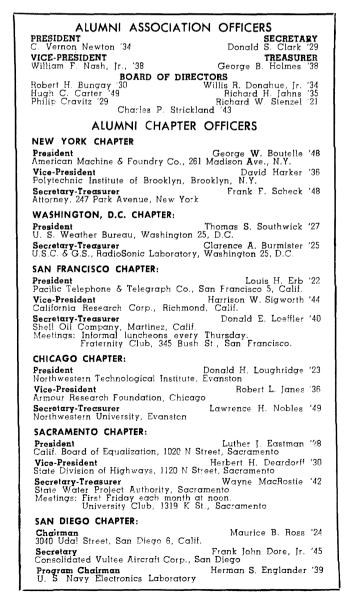
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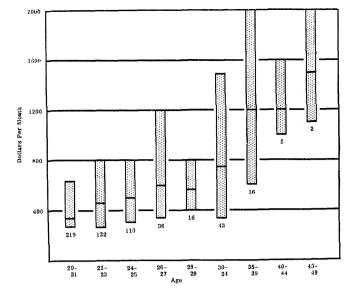
# Hughes

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Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, President, California Institute of Technology (center), welcomes several recipients of the Howard Hughes Fellowships. Dr. A. V. Haeff, Vice-President, Director, Hughes Research Laboratories (standing), is Chairman of the Fellowship Committee. The Placement Service gets a great number of requests for men with a minimum of experience, but some very choice positions become available for older. more experienced men. In many instances the salary is not specified, but is dependent upon the qualifications of the applicant. In some cases a minimum salary is given. The minimum, median, and maximum of minimum salary specified on 579 job orders where the BS degree was required are shown for the year 1954-55 on the accompanying graph as a function of age. A look at the graph will show that positions with quite suitable salaries have been available.

It should be apparent by now that to make the alumni portion of the placement activities more effective at Caltech. more applicants are needed. There is no reason for alumni to consider the Placement Service as the place of last resort when a job is needed. There is no reason for alumni to feel that it is beneath their dignity





Minimum, median, and maximum of minimum salary specified on job orders where a BS degree is required.

to file with a placement service. It doesn't cost anything to file an application, and there is every possibility that some good might come of it. (Though there is no fee connected with the placement operations, it has been customary for anyone obtaining employment through the efforts of the Placement Service to contribute 10 percent of his first month's salary to the Institute for support of the service. Such a contribution is completely voluntary.)

What about participating in the work of the Caltech Placement Service? If an alumnus is an employer, he should send in his requests: if he is thinking about a change of job. or wondering what opportunities may be available. he should send for an application form. All information is confidential, and the present employer will not know that the market is being surveyed. There have been several cases in which the applicant decided, after surveying the market for several months, that the present employment had the greatest opportunity for advancement and recognition.

Comments and suggestions on the operation of the Caltech Placement Service are solicited. Address your comments and questions to the Director of Placements.

# WHO KNOWS

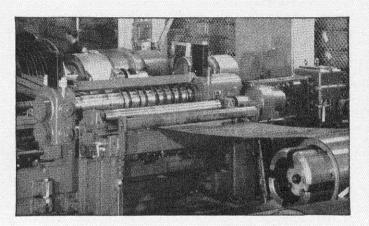
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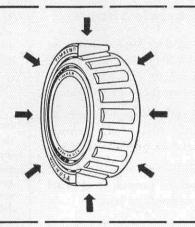
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# PERSONALS

## 1924

Edward E. Dorresten, who attended Caltech for several years with the class of '24 before transferring to Stanford, died last July. His entire professional career had been in the field of petroleum refining and chemical plant engineering, and at the time of his death Ed was a vicepresident of the Bechtel Corporation, responsible for the company's petroleum and chemical activities.

#### 1926

Robert B. Bowman spent the month of August vacationing in eastern Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and points in between. Bob is an associate director of the California Research Corporation in San Francisco, and is a frequent visitor to southern California in connection with the operation of the company's laboratory at La Habra.

## 1927

Ralph M. Watson. MS '28, recently accepted appointments as Associate Dean of the L. C. Smith College of Engineering and as Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Syracuse University, N.Y. Ralph had been serving as Director of Research for the Worthington Corporation of Harrison, New Jersey —having been associated with that company for the past 19 years.

#### 1928

John W. Thatcher. MS '30, has joined the ElectroData Corporation of Pasadena as Customer Service Manager, heading a department of computer engineers and technicians, responsible for installation and maintenance of "Datatron" highspeed electronic data processing machines. John was previously employed as an engineer with Western Electric, where he worked for 15 years.

#### 1929

Leslie O. Scott. who was just retired as an Army Engineer Colonel. has stepped into another active career, operating his own engineering equipment distributing companies — Valesco, Inc. and Air-Floor Sales & Engineering. Family-man Scott writes: "I have a beautiful wife and three children—David, 14. Christopher. 9, and Heidi, 6."

James W. Dunham was sent to Pakistan last year by the Point Four Program to serve as an advisor on the engineering of a new government fishing harbor. From Karachi. where the harbor is being constructed. Jim reports: "Am now on the last 6 months of my two-year hitch over here with the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration, under a contract with the Ralph M. Parsons Co.

"The fish harbor that I came here to advise on as my primary assignment finally got under way last week after 18 months of wrangling over the site location and over which agency of the Pakistan government would do the work. One either learns the patience of the Orient in these parts or becomes a patient in a psychopathic ward."

#### 1931

Glenn M. Webb has been named director of the hydrocarbon research division of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. He joined the organization in 1948.

#### 1932

Patrick B. Lyons. who has been with the Western Electric Company since 1942 was recently made superintendent of the company's Chatham Road Shops at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

## 1934

Edward B. Doll. MS '35, PhD '38, has joined the staff of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation. Los Angeles, as Director of the Project Control Staff, Guided Missile Research Division. Ed has had long experience in the electronics and instrumentation fields, and was technical director for two major special weapons programs for the Army Air Force. Last February he was director of the military effects group at the atomic tests held in Nevada.

## 1936

Clarence L. Dunn, PhD, was sent to the Netherlands in July on a one-year assignment by the Shell Development Company's Research Center at Emeryville, California. He is head of the physical chemistry department at Emeryville.

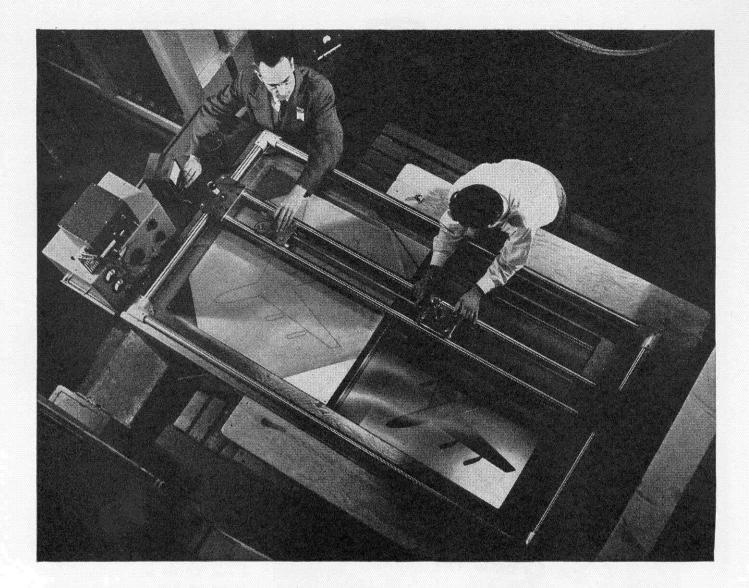
Meral W. Hinshaw is president of his own company, Diamond Tool Associates, in Hawthorne. California. "Started a year ago, and going strong!" Meral writes.

#### 1937

Walton A. Wickett. married after long years of lively bachelorhood, writes: "Married on February 5, 1955, to Hiltgund Tekusch Vorsteher, a Viennese who. passing through the United States en route to India. was side-tracked by English literature at the University of California and the writer, (who interrupted her transit at that institution's Faculty Club). We are home owners in Atherton . . . I teach physics and mathematics at the Menlo School and College. Menlo Park, California."

#### 1938

J. Kneeland Nunan. MS, has been named vice-president and staff adviser to the president of the Consolidated Engineering Corporation in Pasadena. He will act as special adviser to President Phillip Fogg on company policy matters relating to management, marketing, and public relations. Succeeding Kneeland as president of Consolidated's subsidiary, the Consolidated Vacuum Corporation of Rochester, N.Y., is another Caltech grad, Hugh



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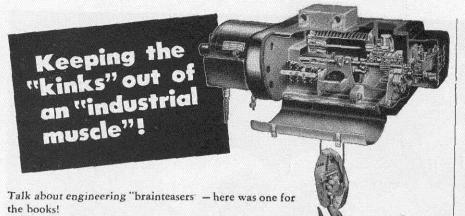
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# Personals . . . CONTINUED

F. Colvin, '36. Hugh, who is also vicepresident and general manager of Consolidated, will continue to make his home in Pasadena, commuting to Rochester when necessary

Newman A. Hall, PhD, who has been at the University of Minnesota since 1947, and where he was serving most recently as Professor of Mechanical Engineering, has accepted a position as Assistant Dean in charge of the Graduate Division of the College of Engineering of New York University. Newman, his wife, and two children, are now making their home in New Hartford, Connecticut,

#### 1939

Fred Hoff has completed the MBA course at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, and is now chief engineer of Basic Vegetable Products, Inc., a vegetable dehydrating company in Vacaville, California.

#### 1940

Clark W. Gould, MS, PhD '42, has been appointed a research associate in the analytical chemistry unit at the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y. He was previously a research associate in the General Aniline and Film Corporation at Easton, Pennsylvania.

## 1941

Gilbert A. Jones has two major events to report. First, the birth of a daughter, Carol Elizabeth, last February, and secondly, receipt of his MS in EE from USC in June. Gil has been working for the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles for the past two years.

Bill Schuberg, Commander, USN, received his MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, and is now on duty as a technical officer at Point Mugu, California.

#### 1942

Carol Veronda has been transferred to Gainesville, Florida, by the Sperry-Rand Corporation, to head the Engineering Development Department of Sperry's new microwave tube plant. Carol likes Florida fine so far, but is reserving final judgment until he sees what takes the place of smog there. The Verondas have two sons; Bill, 9, and Chris, 3.

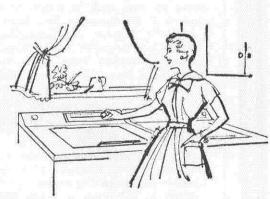
# 1944

Knox Millsaps, PhD, will be a visiting professor in mechanical engineering for the 1955-56 academic year at MIT. Since 1947 Knox has held faculty positions at Ohio State University in aeronautical engineering, and at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in physics. Most recently he has been chief of the Applied Mathematics Research Branch at the Wright Air Development Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

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### 1945

Robert Schmoker was discharged from the Navy last summer and is now employed as a sales engineer with the American Blower Corporation, working out of the San Francisco branch office. Bob and his wife have two daughters, and are living in Berkeley.

Burton L. Henke, MS. PhD '53. has received a promotion to Assistant Professor of Physics at Pomona College. He has also been awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship for the second semester of 1955-56, at which time he will visit Spain and Sweden.

William R. Burns joined the staff of the National Life Insurance Company last June as a member of the personnel and purchasing department, primarily concerned with office operations planning. Before joining National he was with the Homesteaders Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa, where he had been directing personnel and office administration for the past five years. Bill, his wife, and two children now make their home in Montpelier, Vermont.

#### 1947

Joseph Rosener. manager of manufac-

turing control for G. M. Giannini & Company in Pasadena, reports that his second child, Doug. was born last January. The Roseners' daughter, Lynn. is now 2½.

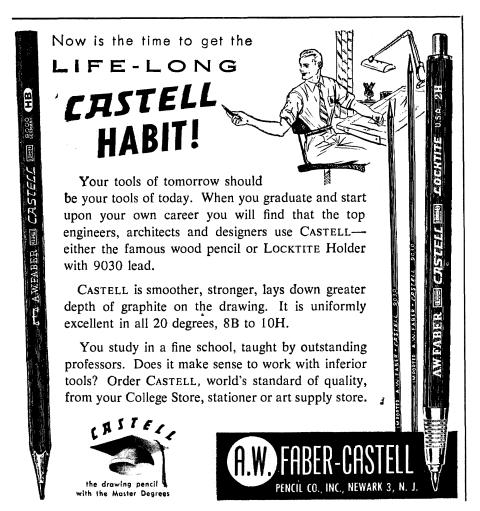
1948

Byron L. Youtz has started his third year at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, as Assistant Professor of Physics. Byron enjoys the teaching very much, and takes every opportunity to do as much travelling as possible. "Last September Margaret Elizabeth escorted us into the happy state of parenthood." Byron writes. "She has been most cooperative in accompanying us on some very interesting journeys into Egypt. Jerusalem, Damascus and Allepo. We were brave enough this past summer to try a two month trip in Europe, with the International School on Nuclear Physics. Lake Como, as our principle objective. We shall probably see some of the Tech graduates when we return to the U.S. next summer."

George W. Roe, Jr., at last report, was in Japan—one of his stops on a leisurely three-year world tour.

1949

Dennis V. Long, MS '55. has accepted a



position as civil engineer with Harrison and Woolley, consulting engineers of Santa Ana, California.

David Hogness is now at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, working in the Department of Microbiology. Dave made this transfer from the New York University Medical School, where he was doing research work.

Gene D. Six and wife Phyllis announced the arrival of Brian David on July 19.

## 1950

David B. MacKenzie reports the following reunion, which took place on a street in Paris last month. "Wes Hershey, in Paris to attend the YMCA Centennial, and Bob Crichton, '50, on summer vacation from his teaching job at the Friends Boys School. Ramsallah, Jordan, were sipping aperitifs at a sidewalk cafe when along came Martin Walt, '50, stopping in Paris on his way to Geneva as a delegate to the conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy. All three ran into me wheeling my daughter. Kathy, born April 20,

"We are still part of Catex's petroleum exploration group in Paris, but expect to be transferred to greener (blacker?) fields in the new year."

#### 1952

Thomas W. Hamilton was married last August to Barbara Joanne Stunden, of Sierra Madre, California, and they now make their home in Arcadia. In the wedding party were three of Tom's Tech classmates: Frank Ludwig. '53. Moises Lerv. '52, and Richard Jaffe. '53.

#### 1953

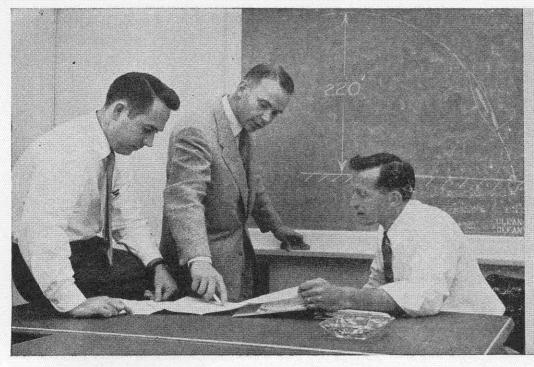
Robert D. Inglis and Georgia Wagner. of Pasadena. announced their engagement in August. Wedding plans are going to wait. however. until Bob gets through serving his Army hitch. At present he is stationed at Ft. Monmouth. New Jersey.

Donald C. Curran. Lt. Commander. USN. has been flying P2V Neptune Patrol Bombers at Barber's Point Naval Air Station. Oahu. Hawaii, ever since graduation from Tech.

Charles E. Benjamin was married in June to Louise Lowenthal of Highland Park. Illinois. Chuck and his bride are now living in Pittsburgh, where he is working as an engineer in the device development group of Westinghouse's newly formed Semiconductor Department.

Robert E. Gillingham is another '53 man who gave up his bachelor status in June. Bob reports, "I am still at Northrop Aircraft in Hawthorne. Dorothea Ellenor Dixon of Occidental became my bride June 12. We are living in the veteran's housing on the Oxy campus. I ushered at the wedding of *Gordon Zentner*, '54, to Elizabeth Walker on the 26th of June. They are now living in Texas."

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



N. T. Avant, aerodynamicist (left), R. R. Heppe, Aerodynamic Department head (center), and C. F. Branson, aerodynamicist, discuss wind tunnel tests to determine transition height of a supersonic superiority fighter.

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To date you alumni have contributed \$42,000 for scholarships. This puts us past the mid-point of our goal of \$75,000. We can possibly reach our goal this next year. To do this no one need give more than he did this past year. But more must give. We need two contributors out of every five alumni—rather than our present one in five.

Undergraduate contributions are tabulated below. The names of all contributors to the Alumni Fund for 1954-55 are listed on the following pages.

> ---Robert R. Bennett ---William F. Nash, Jr. Directors in charge of the Alumni Fund 1954-55

CLASS	AMOUNT	NUMBER GIVING	AVERAGE GIFT	MEDIAN GIFT	NUMBER ELIGIBLE	PER CENT C ELIGIBLE GIVING
Prior 1915	\$ 60.00	7	\$ 8.57	\$10.00	24	29.2
1915	120.00	3	40.00	10.00	8	36.5
1916	25.00	2	12.50	12.50	7	28.6
1917	25.00	1	25.00	25.00	7	14.3
1918	106.17	6	17.70	10.00	30	20.0
1919	0	0	0	0	3	0
1920	95.00	8	11.88	10.00	26	30.8
1921	176.00	11	16.00	10.00	34	36.6
1922	2,490.00	20	124.50	22.50	59	33.9
1923	135.00	9	15.00	10.00	48	18.7
1924	185.00	11	16.82	10.00	73	15.1
1925	570.00	21	27.14	10.00	78	26.9
1926	1,120.00	14	80.00	10.00	99	14.1
1927	131.00	14	9.36	10.00	89	15.7
1928	222.50	17	13.09	10.00	59	28.8
1929	315.00	19	16.58	10.00	84	22.6
1930	599.18	25		10.00	102	22.0
			23.97	10.00	97	
1931	413.00	18	22.94			18.6
1932	2,397.00	23	10.42	10.00	93	24.8
1933	169.00	12	14.08	10.00	93	12.9
1934	422.00	30	14.07	10.00	103	29.1
1935	352.50	30	11.75	10.00	110	27.2
1936	1,412.00	27	52.30	10.00	115	23.4
1937	200.00	16	12.50	10.00	111	14.4
1938	356.00	30	11.87	10.00	125	24.0
1939	186.50	19	9.82	10.00	112	17.0
1940	525.00	43	12.21	10.00	140	30.7
1941	259.00	27	9.59	10.00	ī 28	21.1
1942	438.50	47	9.33	10.00	149	31.6
1943	476.00	42	11.33	10.00	124	33.9
1944	603.00	54	11.17	10.00	208	26.0
1945	399.50	33	12.11	10.00	190	17.4
1946	173.00	21	8.24	5.00	163	12.9
1947	317.00	32	9.91	5.00	144	22.2
1948	387.00	51	7.59	5.00	192	26.6
1949	435.00	56	7.77	5.00	211	26.6
1950	363.50	35	10.39	5.00	183	19.1
1951	271.50	32	8.48	5.00	159	20.2
1952	177.50	23	7.72	5.00	ï 26	18.3
1953	213.91	28	7.64	5.00	135	20.8
1954	103.00	15	6.87	5.00	104	10.4
TOTAL	\$17,425.26	932	\$18.70	\$10.00	4145	22.4

EIGHTH YEAR — 1954-55 (As of July 1, 1955) Alumni Who Took Undergraduate Work at C.I.T.

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1896

## 1920

Barnes, Hartwick M. Black, James R. Ehrenfeld, Day, M.S. Hounsell, E. Victor Hounsell, Theron C. Sawyer, Mark A. Smith, R. Carson St. Clair, Harry P. Woodbury, Roscoe E.

## 1921

Badger, R. M. Boggs, Chester A. Case, Henry R. Champion, Edward L. Craig, Robert W. Forgy, Edward G. Honsaker, Horton H. Mintie, Ernest H. Simpson, Charles F. Stamm, Alfred J. Stenzel, R. W.

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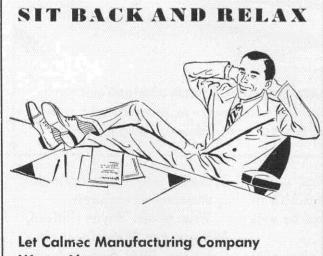
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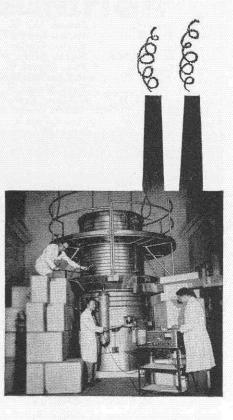
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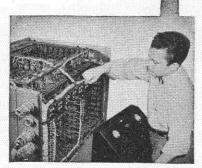




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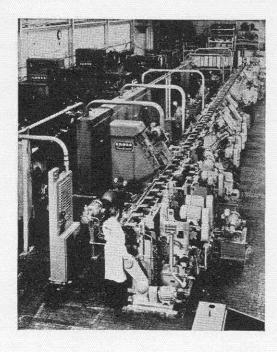
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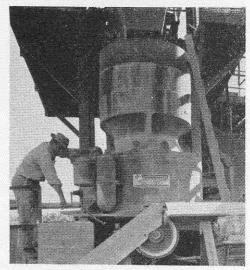
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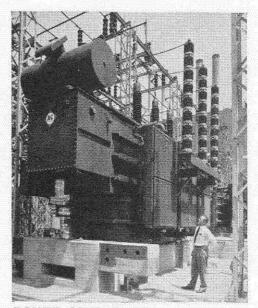
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# ALUMNI CALENDAR

October 27	Fall Dinner Meeting
November 12	Post Oxy Game Open House
January 12	Winter Dinner Meeting
February 4 Oa	Dinner Dance kmont Country Club
April 7	Annual Alumni Seminar Day
June 6	Annual Meeting
June 23	Annual Picnic

# CALTECH ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

# VARSITY FOOTBALL

Oct., 7, 8 p.m. Cal Poly at Bonita High School in La Verne
Oct. 15, 2:15 p.m. Pomona-Claremont at Claremont
Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Long Beach at Long Beach
Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Whittier at the Rose Bowl
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FROSH FOOTBALL

Oct. 14, 3 p.m. Pomona-Claremont at Claremont Oct. 22, 2:15 p.m. Occidental at Occidental Oct. 29, 2 p.m. Whittier at Caltech

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## Pasadena, California

# BALANCE SHEET

## As of June 30, 1955

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

# For the year ended June 30, 1955 INCOME

## ASSETS

Cash in Bank Postage Deposit Investments: Share in Consolidated Portfolio of C.I.T. 6-30-55, prior to current year capital gain Share in Savings account	\$35,998.01 9,591.13	\$ 448.13 158.41	
Total Investments Furniture & Fixtures at non amount	\$45,589.14 1.00		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$46,196.68	
LIABILITI Accounts Payable 1955-56 Membership Dues paid in advance TOTAL LIABILITIES	228.24 5,913.50	6,141.74	
<b>RESERVI</b> Life Membership Reserve: Fully paid life memberships Payments on life memberships under the installment plan	25.00		
TOTAL RESERVE SURPLU Balance June 30, 1955 Provision for Directory Excess of income over expense for the year en June 30, 1955	4,459.52 900.00	34,650.00	
TOTAL SURPLUS		5,404.94	
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## EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION: Directors' expenses Postage Printing & supplies	252.20 895.74 913.14		
Total Administration	2,061.08		
Alumni Membership Solicitation Fund solicitation	563.39 861.86		
Total Expense		3	,486.33
NET INCOME			945.42
Less: Directory Appropriation NET INCOME TO SURPLUS			900.00
		\$	45.42

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

Alumni Association California Institute of Technology Pasadena, California I have examined the balance sheet of the Alumni Association, California Institute of Technology as of June 30, 1955, and the related statement of income for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the account-ing records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In my opinion, the accompanying balance

sheet and statement of income present fairly the financial position of the Alumni Association, California Institute of Technology at June 30, 1955, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year year.

September 13, 1955

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