

# PERSONALS

1912

*John D. Merrifield* has seen his business, the manufacture of automatic weighing machines, grow from a back porch operation into a business that ships scales to all parts of the world, according to a feature article about him in the *Denver Post*. John built his first scale in 1938, when he was still employed at the American Crystal Sugar plant, and it worked so well that the company asked him to build more. Today the J. D. Merrifield & Son Corporation has a fine plant for the manufacture of automotive scales, employs an average of ten men for work in the shop, and a staff of six to care for the office work. Much of the work is custom work, and manufacturers all over the world who have problems in packaging—especially the automatic weighing of materials to be packaged—send them to John in Rocky Ford, Colo.

1918

*Frank Capra* is back in the news again, as witness this quote from a syndicated Hollywood column by Herb Stein:

"Easily television's biggest grab from

motion pictures to date is the Frank Capra snatch to meg 13 videfilms for AT&T. Capra's being earmarked for the celestial subjects is understandable in view of the work he's done secretly with Caltech scientists the past few years—and ducking any number of important assignments to complete the job."

1923

*George N. Ramseyer* has been appointed manager of operations for General Petroleum's Marketing Department. He has been assistant division manager of operations since 1949.

1929

*Richard M. Sutton*, Ph.D., Professor of Physics at Haverford College, received the Oersted Medal of the American Association of Physics Teachers at presentation ceremonies at Harvard University recently. The award—the highest that fellow professors can confer—cited him as an outstanding professor and as the author of the first book dealing with the demonstration of experiments in physics.

*L. Reed Brantley*, M.S., Ph.D. '30, head of the Chemistry Department at Occi-

dental College, will be chairman of the 123rd Annual Meeting of the American Chemical Society, to be held in Los Angeles March 15-19.

1933

*L. Jackson Laslett* obtained leave of absence from Iowa State College from June, 1952 to September, 1953, to serve as head of the Nuclear Physics Branch of the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D. C. He finds the work in the ONR affords him an opportunity to be of some service to both the government and to physics, while providing the added stimulation of contacts with many practicing research physicists. The Lasletts are living in Silver Spring, Maryland, and have three children—one boy and two girls.

*F. R. Hunter* is still Professor and Head of the Department of Physiology at Florida State University. The Hunters have two boys and one girl, aged 13, 10, and 6 respectively, still live in the new house they built in the summer of 1950, and generally enjoy life in Florida very much.

*Henry Suhr*, after graduation from Tech, spent 19 years with the American Potash and Chemical Company at Trona, and became Assistant Director of Research. About a year ago he accepted a three-year contract as Director of Research and Development in Chile with this large producer of potassium nitrate. His major problem at this time is the solar evaporation of residual brine from the nitrate process and the economic recovery of various by-products. The Suhrs have a fourteen-year-old daughter, who expects to enter Santiago College soon.

1934

*Louis Stevenson* has been working in the electrical group of the Guided Missile Project of Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle since July, 1952.

1936

*Fred Stitt*, Ph.D., who is in charge of the physical chemical section of the Western Regional Research Lab of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Albany, Calif., is now on loan to the Department of Defense and is working with the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in the Pentagon.

*E. V. Watts* was named Assistant to the Director, Production Department, in the General Petroleum Corporation. He has been superintendent of the production department's Southern division since 1949.

*Frank W. Davis* has been appointed to the staff of R. C. Sebold, vice president-engineering for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation. Frank was formerly assistant chief engineer for research and development in the company's San Diego Division. He was a Marine Corps pilot

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before joining Convair's Vultee Field Division in Downey, Calif. in 1940 as an engineering test pilot. In 1947 he joined the San Diego Division engineering staff. Frank, his wife, and three children live in La Jolla.

*Robert H. Marsh* has recently been promoted by Raytheon Manufacturing Company to assistant chief engineer at their new South Lowell, Mass. plant, where he will be in charge of mechanical and production engineering. Last October the Marshes bought a new home in Lexington.

*Jack Paller* and his wife announced the arrival of a second son, Gary Norman, on February 8. The Palleres are living in Los Angeles.

*Hugh F. Colvin* has been promoted to Vice-President and Treasurer of the Consolidated Engineering Corporation, Pasadena. One of Hugh's first big jobs will be to coordinate the activities of Consolidated's recent acquisition, the Consolidated Vacuum Corporation of Rochester, New York, with those of the parent company in Pasadena. After receiving his M.B.A. from Harvard in 1939 Hugh was associated with the Wilshire Oil Company and later with Union Oil Co. During the war years he also found time to teach a course in industrial management at Caltech. The Colvins and their four children live in Sierra Madre.

**1937**

*Harry H. Carrick, Jr.*, M.S. '39, formerly assistant to the superintendent of the

southern division of the General Petroleum Corporation, Los Angeles, is now production superintendent.

*Charles A. Van Dusen, Ex.*, was ordered to General Ridgway's top U. S. Joint Staff—United States European Command—as a member of the Policies Branch, on December 22, 1952. He and his wife, Evelyn, his son, Derek Lawrence, and English "Nanny" are now all in Germany. Chuck was promoted to Commander in 1949 and was sent to London in June of '51 in connection with North Atlantic Treaty Planning. He made a courier trip back to Washington in October, when he married Evelyn Dagmir Ott, originally from Tallinn, Estonia. His son was born the following October in Cambridge, England, and was named after his uncle, *Laurence William Van Dusen '39*. The Van Dusens plan to be in Germany, or Europe at least, until this June. Any Tech contemporaries passing through Frankfurt are invited to call. (Home phone: Frankfurt Civilian 58730, Office, Frankfurt Military 7884. Or, he can be tracked down in room 126 of the I. G. Farben Building.)

*Elburt F. Osborn, Ph.D.*, has been named dean of the School of Mineral Industries at the Pennsylvania State College. Elburt, who joined the Penn State faculty in 1946 as professor of geochemistry and head of the department of earth sciences, was named associate dean of the school last April. The Osborns have two children; James, 10, and Ian, 6.

*Walter S. White, M.S.*, is with the U. S. Geological Survey, studying Michigan's

copper deposits. The Whites' second child, Sarah Jameson, was born April 19, 1951.

*William D. Yale, M.S.* '38, has been promoted to assistant division manager of the gas division of the producing department of The Texas Company. Bill started with The Texas Company in June, 1938, in the refining department in New York.

**1938**

*Major General Donald L. Putt, M.S.*, is Vice Commander of the Air Research and Development Command of the U. S. Air Force in Baltimore, Md.

*Cdr. Richard B. Forward* recently graduated from the Navy's General Line School in Monterey, Calif. His next assignment will be for duty under the Air Force Commander of the Pacific Fleet at San Diego.

*J. Kneeland Nunan, M.S.*, was recently elected Executive Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors of the Consolidated Vacuum Corporation of Rochester, New York. He will replace *Hugh F. Colvin '36*. Prior to joining Consolidated Engineering, Nunan was employed by Howard Hughes in various administrative positions. Before that he served for five years as General Manager of the Motion Picture Department of the Anso Division of General Aniline and Film Corp.

**1940**

*James E. LuValle, Ph.D.*, formerly a research associate at Eastman Kodak, is now project director with Technical Operators, Inc., in Arlington, Mass. He's directing a project on fundamental photographic theory under the sponsorship of the chem-

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istry division of the Air Research and Development Command.

*Leo Brewer*, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, has been chosen to receive the 1953 Baeckeland Award of the American Chemical Society, for his work in fundamental inorganic chemistry at high temperatures. Leo served as a chemist with the Manhattan District Project from 1943 to 1946. In addition to his teaching duties now, he is a consultant at the University of California Radiation Laboratory and to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

## 1944

*David F. Walker* now works for the Roscoe Moss Company in Los Angeles as their engineer. His work consists of supervising water well testing and development, maintenance of test engines, pumps and repair rigs, and design of new equipment for the field and factory where they produce well casing. Dave now has three little varmints, ages 5, 21, 32 months—all boys—who keep him occupied a good deal of the time. (Incidentally, he's looking for a four- or five-bedroom house to take care of future expansion.) He says that *Kenny Brown '44*, who is in charge of the Arizona operations of Roscoe Moss,

now has four boys, ranging in age from 3 to 7.

## 1945

*Major John S. Ingham*, M.S., writes that he's got a little less than a half year to go on a three-year trick with the Air Force in Germany. His wife and three children are with him (John, Jr., who's 6; and Pat and Pam, twin girls, who are 4). John's had a chance to ski a little in Switzerland and Germany, and to hunt a little in Germany. Having recently seen some of the devastated areas in Holland, he urges support of any drive for clothing or other help for these people.

## 1947

*Joe Rosener, Jr.* and his wife announced the birth of their first child, Lynn Dee Rosener, born January 27. Joe is manager of Budgets and Methods at Western Lithograph Company in L.A. The Roseners are living in Pasadena.

## 1949

*James A. McIntosh*, Engr., and his wife announced the birth of a son, David, on January 6. They're living in North Coldwell, N. J. and he's working for the Mack Molding Company in Wayne, N. J.

*Gene Mooring* recently returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., where he attended the Plastics Industry Conference. Gene represented Douglas Aircraft of Santa Monica, where he's been employed since graduation, in the plastics section

of the Materials and Process Group. The Moorings, now residents of Tarzana, have a daughter, Diane Eileen, who will be a year old this June.

While in the East, Gene visited *E. Dale West '49*, and his wife, at Silver Spring, Md. The Wests have two children—Jon and Janet Sue—and Dale's working for the National Bureau of Standards.

## 1950

*John T. Mosich* and his wife announced the birth of a daughter, Susan Louise, last December 27. Early in January, John, who works for C. F. Braun & Co., of Alhambra, Calif., was transferred to the company's Chicago office, where *Warren B. Leavitt, '42*, is District Manager.

## 1951

*Thomas W. Connolly*, M.S. '52, was married in February to Joann Bauders of Arcadia. Attendants at the wedding included *Win Royce '51*, M.S. '52, *Dan Markoff '50*, and *James McCaldin '50*, M.S. '51.

Mrs. Connolly is a graduate of P.C.C., and is now enrolled in the Huntington Hospital School of Nursing. Tom is at Hughes Aircraft, doing control and computer work.

*Joseph L. Mangin* was married in June, 1951, now works for the Titanium Metals Corporation of America in Henderson, Nevada, as project engineer of the magnesium recovery department and the titanium ingot melting department. The Mangins have bought a house in Las Vegas.

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