

ALUMNI NEWS

Family Picnic

THE LAST EVENT on the Alumni Calendar for this school year—and one of the biggest events of all—is the Annual Family Picnic, Saturday June 27, at the San Diego Zoo. Make your reservation at the Alumni Office if you want to take the trip on the Special Train.

Annual Banquet

A RECORD NUMBER of 340 alumni met at the Elks Club in Pasadena for the Annual Banquet and Meeting of the Alumni Association on Wednesday evening, June 10.

President DuBridg reported on activities and developments at the Institute over the past year, ending his remarks with a candid consideration of the value and meaning of academic freedom. Alumni President John E. Sherborne '34 reviewed the Association's accomplishments for the year—the most notable of which, of course, is the Alumni Swimming Pool, made possible by contributions to the Alumni Fund.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Arnold O. Beckman, whose subject was "Instrumentation—A New Field of Engineering." Dr. Beckman is president of Arnold O. Beckman, Inc., scientific instrument manufacturing company; and president of Beckman Instruments, Inc., its Berkeley Scientific Division, and the Helipot Corporation, a subsidiary. He received his Ph.D. at Caltech in 1928, and served as Instructor and Assistant Professor of Chemistry here until 1940, when he went into business for himself, manufacturing scientific instruments. Dr. Beckman was President of the Instrument Society of America last year. A California Institute Associate since 1948, Dr. Beckman was elected a trustee of the Institute in February of this year.

Gerald P. Foster '40 took over as 1953-54 president of the Alumni Association. New vice-president is Kenneth F. Russell '29. Donald S. Clark '29, and George B. Holmes '38 remain as secretary and treasurer.

Newly-elected members of the Alumni Board of Directors for two-year terms are Willard E. Baier '23; Robert R. Bennett '45; Douglas G. Kingman '28, and C. Vernon Newton '34. Reunion classes this year included 1898, 1903, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, and 1948. Reports from these are presented below.

1898

The one living member of the class of '98, R. B. Blackman, was unable to attend. The distance was too great; he lives in the Philippines.

1903

The fiftieth anniversary of the class of '03 was completely successful. R. W. Shoemaker, the only living member of the class, came all the way from Grass Valley to give a 100% attendance.

1913

Everyone attended this year's alumni dinner, and we had Dr. Sorensen with us. We think that makes 120%. You see, he attended all our electrical classes; however, he did not graduate! We are still going strong and there is every indication that we will be able to repeat this attendance ten years from now.

Ray Gerhart—Pasadena—General Contractor (One of the more common forms of gamblers).

C. R. Hovey—South Pasadena—Chief Estimator, Tucker, McClure Corporation, Contractors (He creates the betting information).

L. J. Koch—Beverly Hills—Senior Master Mechanic, Los Angeles County General Hospital (Boss Mechanical Engineer to you!).

R. W. Parkinson—Fort Myers, Florida—Executive Officer (BIG BRASS) Asiatic Petroleum Company (retired), Shell Oil Foreign Service.

H. S. Wood—Pasadena—*Director* (for latest definition refer to Internal Revenue Bureau) Los Angeles Trade Technical Junior College.

—Ray Gerhart

1918

Eight members of the class were present at the Alumni Banquet. Seven of these were in the War '18 class, which is 54 percent of the 13 living members. Letters were received from Corliss Bercaw, Louis Esseck, Embert Nelson and Munson Dowd. Professor Lucas was a most welcome guest at our table. It is planned to have a War '18 class reunion in September, and details will be forthcoming during the summer.

—Edison R. Hoge

1923

The class of 1923 takes justifiable pride in its achievements of the past five years. Howard Lewis received honorable mention for his work in sparking the Alumni Swimming Pool Fund into being, and in doing yeoman service in the campaign which started in the Hot Rivet of about 1921, when some of the editors anonymous nearly went elsewhere because of a little ditty about an ambitious young student whose health suffered because of "too much physics and too little gym." The well-rounded education we all strove for will soon come to pass, and it is well that we have done something about it in a financial way.

Willard Baier took his place on the Board of Directors this year and will be glad to hear all your pet ideas and give them just consideration.

Seventeen members of the class of 1923 were able to attend the annual meeting and visit for an hour or two. Bernie Evans is due to get back into his Marine uniform in a few weeks, but after 30 years it appears to the ocular integrator that the gross displacement is

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between 10 percent and 15 percent greater per man than in 1923. Some of the chests which then were suitable for medals may have drooped a bit, but what of it—it's more comfortable this way!

Replies to the Class Questionnaire have been received from 31 members and were enjoyed by all present. Replies from the rest of the class are needed to work up our class report and more detailed news letter.

—Loren E. Blakeley

1928

The 25th reunion of the class of '28 brought together 14 of the aging veterans, specifically: Armstrong, Berman, Billig, Crane, Cutler, D'Arcy, Kingman (Doug), Kuhn, Love, Preble, Robinson, Templin, Thatcher, and Westphal; representing a total of 30 kids and one Cadillac. All are still in engineering work except Drs. (M.D.) Armstrong and Billig.

Greetings were received from Ed McMillan and Ken Crosher, and a swell letter from Dick Folsom was enjoyed by all present. No word from any of the remaining 55 members of the original group! The 14 send greetings, and would like to hear from those who could not be present.

—Ralph W. Cutler

1933

The twentieth reunion had a good representation of those alumni living in the southern California area. Of the 55 members contacted, 17 were present, or approximately 30 percent.

Wendal Morgan sent a letter from New York with his regards, and Robert MacDonald, the same from Washington, D. C.

The members present included 8 CE's, 6 ME's, 2 EE's and 1 ChE.

Ted Mitchel, in from Denver, qualified as the one having travelled the farthest distance to attend this reunion. (Confidentially, we found out he had a business meeting to go to in Los Angeles on the following day.)

All members appeared to be in a good state of repair; all had hair and lots of it, and only one was grey. He was the ChE, which only goes to prove what?

We were very pleased to have Professor R. L. Daugherty join us at our table.

Merrill Berkley sparked our table by saying, "Let's do this more often."

—John Meskell

1938

The 15th Reunion of the class of '38 raised the biggest gathering of the class since graduation. Thirty were present, about 40 percent of those who live in the local area. Unfortunately, none of the class members who live outside the Los Angeles area were present, but we did receive letters from Carlton Horine (China Lake), John G. McLean (Boston), Frank B. Jewett (Minneapolis), John R. Woolson (Fairbanks, Alaska), Carl

F. Friend (Marietta, Ga.), and Sidney Bertram (Arlington Heights, Mass.).

Members of the class present at the meeting each contributed \$1.00 to the Alumni Fund, making an extra contribution of \$30.00 to our ever-growing fund. In spite of this, everyone had a little money left for a drink or two at the bar after the meeting, where we held a good old-fashioned 'bull session.'

We were honored by the presence of two faculty members, Hal Musselman and Dr. William N. Lacey, at our table.

—Charles W. Clarke

1943

The class of '43 celebrated its tenth anniversary with several events which spanned five days. At the alumni dinner 15 were on hand to greet faculty members Bill Corcoran '41, Ph.D. '48, and Dr. Untereiner. The reunion festivities continued the following Friday with a stag dinner at the Biltmore Hotel which was attended by 35 classmates. That the evening was an unqualified success can be judged by the fact that the Biltmore management will probably disfavor accepting future reservations from the class of '43. An equally enjoyable cocktail party and dinner dance was held at Lawson Jones' San Marino home the next evening and was attended by 34 classmates, wives and fiancées. The festivities were concluded with a potluck beach party at the Hermosa Beach home of Ted Lawrence on Sunday, June 14. Understandably, the preceding debaucheries did not stimulate wide attendance at the beach party. The heartfelt thanks of the class go to George Kendall, Ted Lawrence and Oscar Terrell for having produced a memorable "Frolics of '43."

—E. J. Macartney

1948

The class of 1948, one of the largest to graduate from Tech, provided 32 men for its first reunion. The general reaction was shock on the passage of the first five years. An amazing number in the class are directly or indirectly associated with instrumentation, the subject of Dr. Beckman's talk. An informal individual reunion was held at the Ship Room of the Huntington Hotel Saturday night, June 13, where reminiscences were exchanged, congratulations given on children and jobs, and commiserations shared on baldness, increased weight, and other signs of advancing age. There can be no question but that the first five years are the worst in this respect.

Return postcards requesting pertinent vital statistics were sent to all members of the class before reunion. Some of these were read at the June 13 reunion party. The total returns will be published as a blanket report on the Class of '48 in an early fall issue of *E&S*.

—Tom Tracy