

PERSONALS

1926

Ted C. Coleman with two associates started the Coleman Engineering Company in 1950, to engage in research and development in the guided missile and related fields. Since then, the Coleman Engineering Company has been incorporated and has 110 employees working in the engineering offices and plant in Los Angeles. Ted's company was recently selected by the Air Force as the chief contractor in the design and construction of Project SMART—a supersonic research track to be built early in 1955 on top of a mesa near Zion National Park. It will be 2½ miles in length and accommodate rocket-propelled vehicles at supersonic speed. The Colemans have two children, a daughter in college and son in junior high.

1927

Robert Creveling is now a grandfather—and he proudly reports that his daughter named the first grandchild after him. Bob has been with the Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque since 1951.

1928

W. Morton Jacobs was recently appointed vice president and assistant general manager of the Southern California Gas Company, and another Caltech man, *Frank M. Foster*, '25, has been named to fill Morton's former position, that of vice president in charge of sales and customers functions within the company. Both men have been with the gas company a long time—Morton joined the company in 1930 and has been a vice president since 1949, a director since 1950. Frank, who has been general sales manager since 1949, first joined the company in 1936.

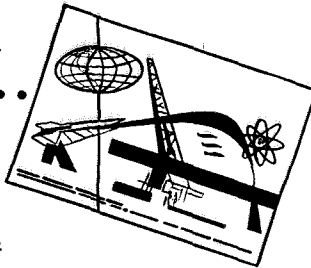
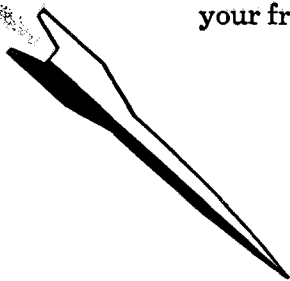
Edwin M. McMillan, MS '29, has been appointed to the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission by President Eisenhower. As a member of the Committee, Ed will attend monthly meetings in Washington, D.C., where he and other members will advise with the Commission. This appointment will expire on August 1, 1960. Ed has been a faculty member of the University of California since 1932, except for the war period when he worked on atomic energy projects and was one of the Los Alamos project founders. In 1951 he was co-recipient of the 1951 Nobel Prize in physics for his work on new elements beyond uranium.

1929

Howard G. Dodge died on November 21 from a heart attack. This information was sent in by *Henry P. Henderson*, '26, who says: "For a number of years Howard had been senior engineer in the San Francisco office of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and recently had been spending a great deal of time in getting their new Santa Clara plant ready for opera-

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tion sometime in the early part of 1955.

"You will recall that he was a very active member of the Tech tennis team . . . in connection with his tennis activities, it might be interesting to note that he carried this through until very recently, and, because of his very active participation in the Junior Tennis Tournament every year on the San Francisco Bay Peninsula, received the Valuable Citizen award from the Chamber of Commerce in Burlingame several times.

"Those of us who knew Howard will miss his jolly laughter at our get-togethers as well as his valuable help and advice. He leaves a son, Howard, who is in the Armed Forces, and his wife Gwen, who resides at the family home, 444 Bloomfield Road, Burlingame."

William G. Young, PhD, has been re-elected to a three year term on the board of directors of the American Chemical Society. Bill will be regional director for the Society's Sixth District, which consists of eighteen Western states, Alaska and Hawaii. Since 1930 he has been a member of the UCLA faculty, and in 1946 was named dean of the physical sciences.

1930

John L. Hall is the general staff supervisor, new business sales, of the Southern California Gas Company, and for more than 20 years has been giving the "gas pitch" to Los Angeles building industries. John started with the gas company right after graduation, and since 1944 has been supervising, in one capacity or another, the company's dealings with the construction industries.

1933

John E. Meskell has been elected president of the Building Contractors Association of California for the year 1955. John served as director of the association during 1954 and was largely responsible for negotiations with UCLA which led towards the establishment of a full four-year course in general contracting in the School of Business. John is a partner in the firm of Thiesen Company, which specializes in commercial construction.

1935

Robert C. Warner is now Associate Professor of the Department of Biochemistry at New York University College of Medicine. Bob, a member of the staff of New

York University College since 1946, has been doing extensive research on the chemistry of proteins, and is presently a member of the Panel on Plasma, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council.

1936

Richard Wallman, MS, is now president of the Leonard Melton Company of Nashville, Tennessee, a wholesale sporting goods firm. Dick has two children, a girl and a boy.

1939

J. Scott Gassaway, who is leading an active life trying to keep up with his four boys, writes: "We (wife Marilyn and I) are still owners of the engineering company in Los Angeles which bears my name. We have four boys and I am a neighborhood commissioner with the Boy Scouts, and a vice-president of a Lion's Club. We have an interest in the nationally known Bank Coin machines, which are sold under the M.P. trademark. (I designed them). We love the outdoors and are ardent trailer campers—about 10 trips a year."

1941

Roy M. Acker is a member of the technical staff of the Guided Missiles Division for the Ramo-Wooldrige Corporation in Los Angeles. Roy was formerly with Hughes Aircraft in Culver City. He and his wife Hazel have two daughters, Cheryl, age 4, and Janet, one year.

Richard M. Vaughn was married on December 18 to Constance Ellis of Los Angeles, and they are now living in Beverly Hills. Dick is president of the Town and Country Builders of Beverly Hills.

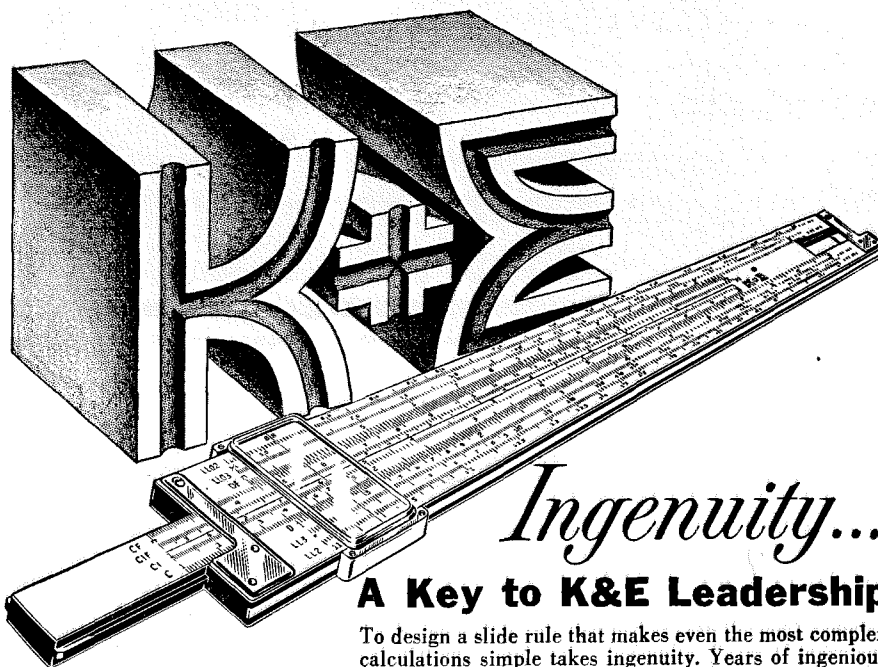
Claud S. Rupert, who received his PhD in physics from Johns Hopkins in 1951, has been appointed assistant professor of biophysics at Johns Hopkins. Claud joined the Biophysics Department in 1952 as an American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellow in cancer research. He was married to Clara M. Sorensen of Baltimore last July.

Roger Wallace is now employed in the health physics division of the Radiation Laboratory, of the University of California at Berkeley. Roger received his PhD in physics from UC in '53. The Wallace family now numbers three; their first child, Elizabeth, was born last April.

1943

Jack L. Mataya, MS, is in the geophysical office of the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company at Tyler, Texas.

Leonard S. Alpert was transferred by the Shell Chemical Corporation to their Ventura Ammonia Plant, where he is senior engineer. Leonard and his wife live in Ojai, California, and with the recent addition of Evelyn Ann, now boast three beautiful daughters.



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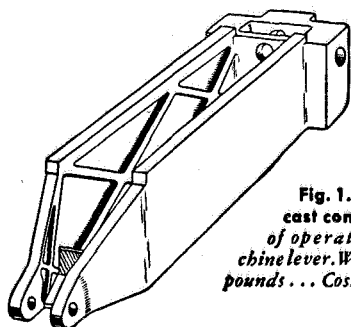


Fig. 1. Original cast construction of operating machine lever. Weighs 182 pounds . . . Costs \$38.25.

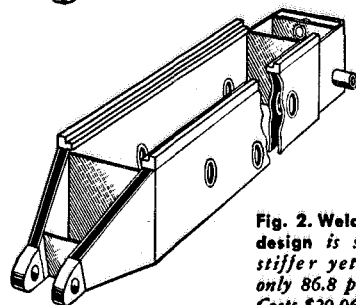


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1944

Eric Weiss is now a member of the technical staff, Research and Development, at Hughes Aircraft in Culver City. Before joining Hughes, Eric was employed as project engineer for the J. B. Rea Company of Los Angeles.

1946

John P. Calligeros has been acting as senior development engineer for the Arabian-American Oil Company, and is located at the company's general offices in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Last summer he and his wife Jae made a tour through most of Europe in their little Fiat, and during this vacation did some skiing in the Swiss and Austrian Alps.

Eberhardt Rechin, PhD '50, is the new section chief of electronics research at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He succeeds Frank Lehan, '44, who has joined the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation.

1947

Col. John A. Graf, MS, is now in command of the San Francisco district, Corps of Army Engineers. John, who graduated from West Point in 1940, will direct a 20 million dollar construction program during the next six months. Included in this program is the completion of NIKE guided missile launching sites, and the building of a hydraulic model of San Francisco Bay. Before this assignment John was executive officer of the Portland, Oregon, district office. The Grafts have two children.

1948

Kurt Barnett, MS, writes from Montreal, Canada: "Here's some news. I was married on November 25th to Charlotte Hojitasova, honeymooned in New York. Working with a firm of consulting engineers in Montreal on the design of industrial electrical installations. Did quite a lot of cross-country skiing up here last year. Miss folk dancing. Always happy to hear of visitors here from Caltech."

Richard A. Spellman joined the California Research Corporation in Richmond last spring. Formerly he had been with the Lago Oil & Transport Company.

Robert C. Hopkins, MS, is now a member of the technical staff of the Field Engineering Department at the Hughes Research and Development Laboratories in Culver City. He was formerly employed by the Digital Computer Laboratory.

1949

Lloyd P. Geldart is the chief geophysicist for Dominion Oil Ltd., (a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company of California), and is located at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Lloyd reports that after two years of exploration the company has "spudded" in their first wildcat well.

Jack L. White sent in the following report of his recent activities: "We're re-

turning to the States after 1½ years of research at the Imperial College in London. Managed to cap off our time in Europe with a two-month, 10-country tour through Scandinavia and the Continent by automobile—6,600 miles in all. Looking forward to spending some time in the States now, though the exact location and position are not known."

1950

John P. Francis left the National Bureau of Standards nearly a year ago to become a member of the Magnavox Company Research Laboratories in West Los Angeles. John is working on the design of digital data, handling systems, and the research and development of components. He was married last June to Jean Howard in Westwood, California.

Edmund A. Milne, MS, PhD '53, is assistant professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Before this, Ed held a resident fellowship here at Caltech.

1951

Richard B. Campbell, MS, has moved from Vancouver, British Columbia, where he was in the B. C. office of the Geological Survey of Canada, to Whitehorse, Alaska. Right now Dick is in the process of opening and organizing a new survey office for the Yukon.

Gunnar Bergman, PhD, and wife Judy announce the birth of Charles Kimball, their first child, on November 11. Gunnar is Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering at Caltech.

1952

Richard Von Herzen, a Corporal in the Army, is due for a discharge at the end of this month, and he plans to enroll immediately in the Harvard University Graduate School to study geophysics. Dick hopes to make the U. S. Pan-American games swimming team, and for the past month has been training with other Armed Forces swimmers at the Treasure Island Naval Base. After his discharge he will continue his training at Harvard right up to the time of the preliminary trials at Yale in February. Dick never swam competitively until he entered Caltech—but in spite of the late start, he won blue ribbons at the California Conference meets in 1951 and 1952.

Clinton Lew has been in the Guided Missile Division of the Hughes Research and Development Laboratories since leaving Caltech. Last January he received his MS in physics from UCLA. Clinton's due to marry Hawn Young of Buena Park, California, next February.

1953

Robert L. Smith was married on December 18 to Susan Zugsmith of Brentwood, California. Bob is doing graduate work at Caltech.