

# PERSONALS

1920

*William C. Renshaw* is the new chief engineer and general manager of the Las Vegas Water District. Bill was formerly water engineer and superintendent of the water department at Inglewood, California, and has had long experience in the San Francisco Water Dept.

1921

*Manton M. Barnes* answers some of the questions we hopefully ask in our search for news. *Q. Got a new job?* A. Nope, same one. Am a Depreciation Studies Engineer with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in San Francisco. *Q. Any additions to your family?* A. Nope, too old for that, but my sons' wives are doing all right, thank you. *Q. Been made president of anything lately?* A. Not since 1936 when I was chosen president of the Palo Alto Haywire Orchestra (mandolins, guitars, etc.) in an off-guard moment. The office has been perpetuated by subsequent general inertia.

1922

*Linne C. Larson* is employed as executive officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Pollution Control Board, serving

Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The Larsons have two children: Linne Charles, who graduated from Occidental last June, and at the same time received a commission as 2nd Lt. in the Army Air Force Reserve (he'll probably be called to active duty next April); and Inez Anne, who is married to a Navy man and has two children.

1925

*Thomas P. Simpson* has been elected vice-president and director of manufacturing for the General Petroleum Corporation in Los Angeles. Tom joined the company as a chemical engineer right after graduation, and has been advancing steadily ever since.

1927

*Harry K. Farrar* writes from San Francisco: "Still concerned with the coordination of certain engineering matters for Pacific Telephone in San Francisco. Enjoy Tech luncheons at the Fraternity Club on Thursdays where I see *Bob Stirton, Bob Jones, Maury Jones, Phil Henderson, Chuck Lewis, Manley Edwards, Ken Anderson, and Howard Fisher* fairly regularly. Less frequent, but recent members of

the group were *Ray Untereiner, Don Morrell, and Fred Hough*. (Fred is now with Bechtel in San Francisco.) We keep up to date on everything from automotive advances through nuclear physics to photography."

1928

*C. Y. Hsiao* returned to China soon after receiving his PhD from MIT. Both before and during the war he held government posts, and immediately after the war was sent to Canada as purchasing agent for the Chinese Nationalist government. He was also appointed technical advisor to their U. N. delegation—a post he still holds today. The Hsiao family now lives in Washington, D.C.

*Arnold Beckman*, PhD, president of Beckman Instruments, Inc., has expanded his firm through the purchase of Specialized Instruments Corp. and the Spinco Service Company of Belmont, California.

1929

*Duane Roller*, PhD, joined the technical staff of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation on February 1. Duane had been serving as editor of *Science* and of *The Scientific Monthly* for the AAAS in Washington, D. C.

1930

*Ralph B. Atkinson*, PhD, president of the Atkinson Laboratory, reports that the firm has had to move its Photo Chemical Division to larger quarters on Santa Monica Boulevard in Hollywood. Ralph's company, started almost immediately after he received his PhD, was originally a lab for processing color film, but now it manufactures photo chemicals almost exclusively. The lab has been expanding steadily, and recently branched out to manufacture magnetic recording materials.

1934

*Morton E. Moore*, MS '35, has joined Hughes Aircraft as a member of their Research and Development Laboratories, Radar Division. Morton was formerly with the AiResearch Manufacturing Company.

1935

*Paul F. Genachte*, PhD, is now in the public utilities department of the Chase National Bank in New York City, serving as technical advisor. A native of Belgium, Paul returned home immediately after receiving his PhD, to work with a utilities holding company that had headquarters in Brussels. Later he was associated with the Mexican Light & Power Company (1939 to 1952), serving at various times as assistant to the chairman of the board, and special assistant to the president. In 1952 Paul joined the Indussa Corporation in New York as technical manager and also served as vice president of the Balteau Electric Corporation in New York. Earlier this year he was retained by the World Bank as power con-



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sultant on a two-month mission to Ceylon.

*Louis T. Radar*, MS, PhD '38, is general manager of General Electric's Specialty Control Department. Louis started with GE even before receiving his PhD from Tech, and with the exception of a two-year stint (1945-1947) as head of the Electrical Engineering Department at the Illinois Institute of Technology, he has been with them ever since, serving in a supervisory capacity in various engineering departments. The Specialty Control Department is currently in the process of being moved from Schenectady, N.Y. to Waynesboro, Virginia, and in a few months Louis expects to be settled permanently at the new location.

**1936**

*Walfred E. Swanson* is serving as vice president and general manager of the Roberts Construction Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. Wally reports that this is a general contracting firm engaged in heavy construction and highway construction, operating in several surrounding states.

**1939**

*Andrew L. Hannon* was elected vice president of the Los Angeles chapter of

the National Electrical Contractors Association at a recent meeting.

**1941**

*Albert P. Petraitis*, MS, has joined Hughes Research and Development Laboratories at Culver City as a member of their Guided Missile Division.

**1942**

*Joseph Franzini*, MS '43, CE '44, is now back at Stanford University as Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering after having been away for 13 months with a severe case of peripheral neuritis, induced by insecticide poisoning. Joe and his wife now have four children—two boys and two girls.

*Parameswar Nilakanthán*, MS, is with the Ministry of Defense at Delhi, India, as Joint Director of Technical Development and Production (Air). In addition, he is serving as vice president of the Aeronautical Society of India.

**1943**

*William Snyder*, MS '46, reports from Palo Alto: "I'm still a bachelor, still writing a PhD thesis at Stanford, now working with the Detroit Controls Research Division in Redwood City. Still have the

ancient '33 sloop which I sail around in the bay from time to time in the season. It has lots of room for jovial companions, in case any such happen by at the right time."

**1944**

*Enrique Silgado*, MS, is teaching Applied Geophysics at the University of Lima in Peru. He also holds the position of Chief of the Geophysical Section of the Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Fomento Mineros.

**1945**

*Paul Kohlhaas*, sales engineer for Fishbach & Moore, Inc. in San Francisco, has been very active in the newly formed Western Section of the AISE. He holds the office of program chairman and arrangements chairman for 1954-55, and has just been nominated as a director for 1955-56. Paul and his wife have two children—Kerry, 7, and Cassie, 3½.

*Charles Melville Davis*, MS '46, received his PhD in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in December.

*William H. Cook* returned to Long Beach in September, after a summer in Europe. He writes: "I was studying photogrammetric engineering at the International Training Center for Aerial Survey in Delft, Holland. I am pleased to report that I received the full degree of I.T.C. Photogrammetric Engineer in July, the first American to hold this particular certificate from the Institute at Delft.

"My father flew over for the graduation, and during the month of August we toured most of Europe by automobile, visiting all the major cartographic offices and instrument plants in these countries. One of the more interesting side trips was a swing through Yugoslavia and Trieste, during our journey to the Galileo Instrument Company, from Vienna.

"I returned home to Long Beach on September 2nd, happily in time to take my wife to the hospital where our second daughter was born on September 10th."

**1946**

*Jerome S. Field* is employed by the Packard-Bell Company in Los Angeles, as Project Administrator of the Technical Products Division.

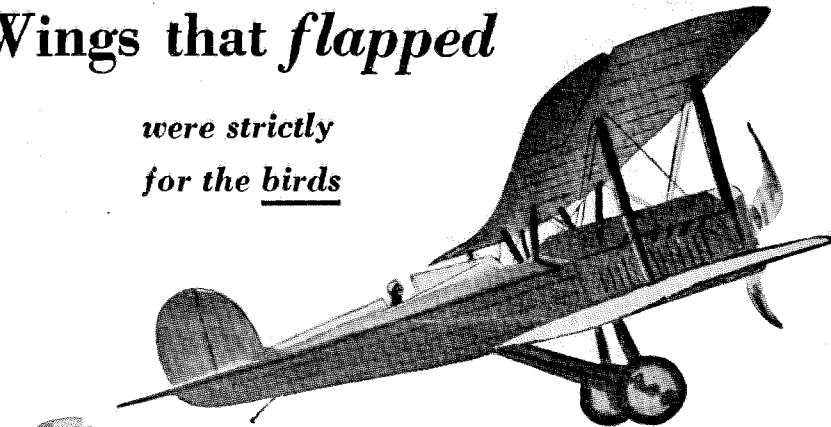
*Louis K. Jensen* finished his work for a PhD in Nuclear Physics at UCLA last September, and expects to receive his degree in June. He is now working for the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation and living in Palos Verdes, and he reports that he somehow managed to raise two boys and a girl while in graduate school (the children being 5, 3, and 1 by now).

**1947**

*Jack Slaton*, MS, was married last December to Dorraine Locken of Pasadena. Jack is an electronic scientist at the U. S.

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Naval Ordnance Test Station in Pasadena. *Guy C. Omer, Jr.*, PhD, has left the University of Chicago, where he was an assistant professor of physics, to become Professor of Physical Sciences at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla.

1948

*John Rasmussen*, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at UC, reports a third addition to the family—David, born last March. John also passes on the information that *Byron Youtz*, '48, is now Professor of Physics at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. Byron and his wife have a daughter—their first child—five months old.

*Welko Gasich* is now chief of the Preliminary Design Department at Northrop Aircraft in Los Angeles. He's responsible for all missile and airplane developments for the company.

*Carl R. Oberman* received his PhD from Ohio State University on December 17.

*Norman E. Olson*, according to word received from his family, was accidentally drowned last September 26 while on an outing in Mexico with a group of co-workers from the Hunter-Douglas Company of Riverside. Norman joined the company immediately after graduation and was working in the research department.

1949

*Donald Hibbard* writes: "My family and I were transferred from Arkansas, via Dallas, to Denver, Colorado, where Seaboard Oil Company has now established its Rocky Mountain Division office. My present assignment is a sub-surface and surface geologic study of the San Juan Basin in New Mexico and Colorado.

"On December 22nd my wife Maritya presented me with a premature Christmas gift, a baby boy, Mark Edward. This makes #2 for us.

"While we were in Dallas we had a good time visiting *George Lyon*, '47, and his family. George was capitalizing on Texas' hot weather and was selling (Lyon Engineering Co.) air conditioners by the dozens."

1950

*Scott Lynn*, MS '51, began working for the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, last December, as a research and development engineer. Scott has just returned from a year in Delft, Holland, where he worked at the Technical University.

*Donald W. Stillman*, Western Divisional Manager for the NYLOK Corporation in Los Angeles, reports the birth of his third son, Stephen T.

*Donald Glaser*, PhD, spent the month of January here at Caltech, where he gave a number of lectures on "Bubble Chambers." After leaving Pasadena, Don moved on to the Brookhaven National Laboratories for several months.

1951

*Joseph M. Denney*, MS '52, is a newly appointed research associate in the metallurgy department at the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y. Joe, formerly a research engineering consultant at the North American Aviation Company in Los Angeles, will receive his PhD from Caltech in June.

*Robert E. Cobb* is located in Caracas, working for Socony-Vacuum of Venezuela. Bob and his wife Ann are very happy over the birth of their first child, Susan Ann.

*Kaarlo J. Temmes*, MS, is in Helsinki, Finland, working for the Finnish Office of Civil Aviation. Kaarlo and his wife now have three children: Laila, 4½; Eeva, 2; and baby Jaako, 7 months. Kaarlo further reports: "They made me president of Aeronautical Engineers of Finland—'they' meaning about 30 heads, smaller or bigger chiefs of Finnish aviation."

1952

*James N. Shoolery*, PhD, staff engineer for Varian Associates in Palo Alto, will be making a trip to England in April, to present a paper on "Nuclear Resonance" at the Faraday Society Discussions at Cambridge.

1953

*John C. Behnke, Jr.* was married on December 20 to Rachel Morgan of San Marino. John and his wife are now living in Westwood, and they are both working for their doctorates at UCLA. Rachel used to be at Caltech, doing research work with Dr. Frits Went in the Earhart Lab.

*Capt. Joseph J. Rochefort*, MS, U. S. Army Engineers, is now assigned to the G-3 (Training) Section of the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces, at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He was previously stationed with the Korean Military Advisory Group in Korea.

1954

*James N. Pinkerton* is now attending grad school at the University of Illinois.

*Moses Lerner* is busily pursuing an MS degree in mechanical engineering at Stanford. "Engineering classes here look just as dismal as at Tech," Moe writes, "but the campus generally offers better adornments. I think it'll be Uncle Sam in June—but in the meantime, I'm happy here."

*Albert R. Pitton* was recently married to Claudette Catherine Ardanaz of Inglewood, and they now live in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where Al works for the Ford Motor Company, and Claudette attends Michigan State Normal College. *George H. Moore*, MS '54, also is working at Ford, has a room in the same house, and boards with Al and his wife. Both fellows are in the Engine Drafting Section of Ford's Engine Engineering Dept. and are classified as Graduate Engineer Trainees.