

# ALUMNI YOU SHOULD KNOW

## BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

Herbert B. Holt, '15, is accomplishing a record of blue ribbons among Tech Alumni—one of the two first to receive degrees at the Institute in Civil Engineering and one of the two first of the Institute Associates among the Alumni. He started out as a true Civil—with the Santa Fe Railroad, originally in the Engineering Department, next in a field party and then as Engineer of Construction. This auspicious start was interrupted in May, 1917, when he became a Private in the 18th Engineers, and again changed direction in the fall of 1919 when he emerged from Overseas as First Lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service. The Santa Fe again claimed him as Engineer of Construction, following which he located a logging railroad in central California. In 1921 he became associated with Bekins Van & Storage Co. and shortly afterwards progressed to the managership of that company for Northern California. That status continued until early in 1935 when he became Southern California Manager. Bekins is a California Corporation which owns and operates 19 warehouses, 250 trucks and employs nearly 500 people. In Herb's record the Class of '15 has set up a mark for all other classes to shoot at.



*Herbert B. Holt*

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## CHEMIST

It is rare indeed that we find the enviable combination of physical and mental endowments which is "Alf" Stamm's. He is recalled as an above-average, energetic undergraduate student. It is no surprise that we now find Dr. Alfred J. Stamm a brilliant chemist with the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. His position and success have apparently intensified his talent, vigor and enthusiasm.



*Alfred J. Stamm*

Dr. Stamm received his B.S. in Chemistry from the Institute in 1921. After one year with a local firm he accepted the position of Assistant in chemistry with the University of Wisconsin, combining studies and research toward his Ph.D. which was received in 1925. He then joined the staff of the Forest Products Laboratory, U. S. Department of Agriculture, which is located on the university campus in Madison, Wisconsin, maintained for the study of wood in all its phases.

As recipient of a National Research Council fellowship he worked in the University of Upsala, Sweden, for a year and while there represented the U. S. in the International Forestry Conservation Convention held in Stockholm.

Dr. Stamm is now Senior Chemist at the Laboratory and is the author of a large number of scientific papers. Tech can well be proud of his contributions to the commercial and scientific world.